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LD 395

Testimony in support of LD 395:
An Act to Restore Access to Federal Laws Beneficial to the Wabanaki Nations

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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary,

My name is Holly Lisett Anderson. I am a Maine resident of Harrington and an undergraduate psychology student at the University of New England. I hope this written testimony finds you well and encourages you to support LD 395, An Act to Restore Access to Federal Laws Beneficial to the Wabanaki Nations.

LD 395 would address forty years worth of more than one hundred fifty federal laws which have been neglected, ultimately leading to the restriction of the Wabanaki Nation from thriving. With support from Democratic, Republican, and Independent legislators, there is no reason for any hesitation.

Eliminating jurisdictional barriers would assist the Wabanaki Nations in gaining access to federal self-determination policies, programs, and funding. This in turn could help facilitate the creation of thousands of jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars in goods and services produced by Native businesses. Helping all residents of Maine, this would even extend to the Mi'kmaq Nation providing the same rights and provisions granted to Penobscot Nation, Passamaquoddy Tribe, and the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians.

So, again, I write this to ask you to please stand with all Maine residents who would like to see a better tomorrow. Vote "ought to pass" for LD 395; if not for the people, at least for the profit.

Sincerely,
Holly Lisett Anderson
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