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LD 785

Dear Sen. Carney, Rep. Kuhn, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on
Judiciary,

I am writing in support of LD 785, An Act to Advance Self-determination for
Wabanaki Nations.

I believe wholeheartedly that the Wabanaki should have the right to self-govern.
They are not wards of the state and deserve the same rights as other Indigenous
people in our country.

As we teach the children in our schools about Wabanaki history and culture, they will
ask us why the Wabanaki are treated like second-class citizens. There is no good
answer to that. Please right the wrong that has been done; when the Wabanaki
prosper, we all prosper.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

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