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LD 395

Sen. Carney, Rep. Kuhn and members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Jasper Berryman-Moore and I live in Rockport. I am testifying in support of LD 395.

When I first became aware that the recognition the Wabanaki Nations exist in—what I would have described as complicated/awkward/confusing place—a few years ago but beyond that didn't know much. Since then I have learned more, and what I have learned is that it isn't just confusing that we don't afford the same level of recognition to the Wabanaki Nations that other tribes get; its archaic and unjust. The state of Maine has been failing to match the respect, recognition, and sovereignty that the indigenous people of this land rightfully deserve. This bill is step in a better direction. Thank you. I urge you vote aught to pass on LD 395.