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LD 785

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I support LD 785 because it restores tribal self-government and respects the sovereignty of the Wabanaki Nations. For more than 40 years, the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act has treated tribes like municipalities instead of sovereign nations. That is not how federally recognized tribes are treated in the rest of the United States.

The Wabanaki Nations were here long before the United States existed. Restoring their rights and self-governance is a matter of fairness, respect, and justice.

At the same time, many people across the country are worried about immigration enforcement and the treatment of immigrants. There have been deaths in immigration detention and concerns about accountability. A free country should always protect human rights and dignity.

Supporting tribal sovereignty and respecting the rights of all people are part of building a more just and fair nation.

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