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In Support of LDs 395 and 785

LD 395, An Act to Restore Access to Federal Laws Beneficial to the Wabanaki Nations

LD 785, An Act to Enact the Remaining Recommendations of the Task Force on Changes to the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Implementing Act

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Members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Doug Dunbar. I reside in Hermon and wish to join many, many others in expressing strong support for LDs 395 and 785. These bipartisan bills will take significant steps toward ensuring far greater sovereignty, respect, and resources for the Wabanaki peoples.

At a time of increasingly rare bipartisanship and cooperation, LDs 395 and 785 have garnered support from Democrats, Republicans, and an Independent legislator. The fact that these bills are being sponsored/cosponsored by legislators from both sides of the aisle and across the political spectrum should speak volumes about the legislation's value and importance.

Thank you for giving careful consideration to these exceedingly meaningful bills. Thank you for recognizing the inherent dignity, proud history, exceptional contributions, and sovereignty of the Wabanaki peoples. Thank you for supporting LDs 395 and 785.