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LD 785

I am writing in support of LD 785- An Act to Enact Recommendations on Changes to the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act.

Currently Maine treats Wabanaki Nations like municipalities rather than Sovereign Nations. This means they are denied their rights as afforded to all other federally recognized tribes in the U.S. Passing this bill would not only help the Wabanaki nations but also their rural neighbors.

As a member of The Wabanaki Ally Team at First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Portland, I believe in restorative justice for our Wabanaki neighbors and friends.

Thank you for your consideration and your service.

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