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LD 785

To the members of the Judiciary Committee:

I am writing to strongly urge support of LD 785, An Act to Enact the Remaining Recommendations of the Task Force on Changes to the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Implementing Act. I believe it is imperative to recognize the Wabanaki inherent right to self-determination. Passage of this act would allow the Wabanaki tribes to benefit from the same federal laws now open to 570 tribes across the United States. It would remove many economic and judicial barriers, and allow the tribes to better protect and use the lands they have stewarded for thousands of years. It would also benefit rural Maine, providing revenue and jobs. This act is a means of help for all, and it is a matter of justice for the Wabanaki people. I urge you to support it.

Thank you,
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