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Senator Anne Carney
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Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary
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RE: Letter in Support of LD 395 and LD 785

To the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary:

On behalf of the Maine Youth Camp Association, I am pleased to submit this letter in support of LD 395, *An Act to Restore Access to Federal Laws Beneficial to the Wabanaki Nations* and LD 785, *An Act Enact the Remaining Recommendations of the Task Force on Changes to the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Implementing Act*.

The Maine Youth Camp Association (MYCA) is a State-wide nonprofit organization of Maine children's camps. We support the work of Indigenous people of Maine to have restored to them the rights they lost as the result of the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act.

We recognize that the Wabanaki people have lived on this land for more than 10,000 years, and we acknowledge our organization's responsibility to further our understanding of the Wabanaki people's efforts for cultural recovery and protection.

We support the efforts of the Tribes, Maine Legislature, and Governor to find a way forward in reaching a new and better legal governing relationship.

Sincerely,

Lucy J. Norvell

Executive Director