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I am not going to reiterate ALL the important reasons mentioned in the Harvard Kennedy School Study and the recommendations of the 2019 Legislative Task Force. Instead I would like to focus on the moral decision before you as you consider your vote on LD 785. It boils down to this: Is it morally right and just to deny the Wabanaki Nations the same full tribal sovereignty that the other 570 federally recognized First Nations have? I am shocked and embarrassed the state of Maine has denied this to the Wabanaki for so long, it is past time to end all vestiges of colonialism.