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LD 395

From: Dr. Deborah Walters, 14 Brooklyn Road, Frankfort, 04438

Re: Support for LD 395, An Act to Restore Access to Federal Laws Beneficial to the Wabanaki Nations

Intro: Sen. Carney, Rep. Kuhn and members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Deborah Walters and I live in Frankfort. I am here to testify in support of LD 395.

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Testimony: I support my Wabanaki neighbors and believe that the Settlement Acts should be modernized to allow the Wabinaki Nations to take advantage of all the federal programs that are available to all other federally recognized tribes, without having to individually apply to be included. The time and cost of applying for inclusion is not the best use of resources.

This would be good for the Wabinaki nations, but also good for the rest of us rural Mainers. The Federal programs have brought resources and economic opportunities to tribes outside of Maine, and I would like to see this benefit help to bring resources to Maine.

There is wide spread support for LD 395 among my neighbors, across political parties. It's nice to have issues that bring us together. Let's get this done. [1]  
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Closing: Thank you for hearing my concerns.