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LD 785

Maine Senate Judiciary Committee,

I am a resident of Scarborough and am writing in support of LD 785, which would make long overdue and totally justified changes to the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act passed in 1980.

Our Wabanaki Nation tribes have never enjoyed the self-governing sovereignty that other tribes across the US have enjoyed. LD 785 would fix that.

Maine has never acted on most of the 22 consensus recommendations of the bipartisan Task Force, issued in 2020, that delved into the limitations of the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act. LD 785 would fix that.

I have studied this issue for several years and believe it is well past time to fix the problems of the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act passed in 1980. Please vote to pass LD 785.

Thank you!

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