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To the Committee on State on Local Government:

I am writing in support of LD 1034, An Act To Provide Funding To Support the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations. This legislation will provide the Permanent Commission with the necessary funding to secure dedicated staffing and administrative support needed to continue the important work of examining racial disparities and improving opportunities and outcomes for historically disadvantaged racial, indigenous, and tribal populations in our state. The Permanent Commission has the potential to assist policy makers and the public to better understand and address the underlying factors that contribute to racial disparities. I urge you to vote "ought to pass" on LD 1034.

Thank you.

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