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I write in support of LD 1034, which provides funding for the work of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations. Passage of LD 2 represented a commitment by the State to ensure that the Legislature will undertake a thorough analysis of proposed legislation to determine its impact on justice and fairness for racial, indigenous and tribal populations in Maine. The Permanent Commission will be responsible for undertaking much of the important work required to implement the goals of LD 2. Therefore, adequate funding is absolutely essential to ensure that the important work of the Commission can be successfully and meaningfully fulfilled.