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Representative Henry John Bear  
41 Elm Street  
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RE: Letter of Support for LD 1447, An Act to Recognize and Provide for the Right of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians To Operate a Casino on Houlton Band Trust Land Exempt from Certain Gaming Laws

Dear Representative Bear,

Thank you for the opportunity to offer our support for LD 1447, An Act to Recognize and Provide for the Right of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians To Operate a Casino on Houlton Band Trust Land Exempt from Certain Gaming Laws.

The Town Council continuously entertains ideas for economic development. The consensus is LD 1447 will create new job opportunities, provide tax relief to local businesses and residents, increase tourism to Northern Maine and provide revenues that will enable the town to maintain and upgrade our current infrastructure.

The Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians play a vital role in this community and Southern Aroostook County. The Town will continue to support the tribe's present and future endeavors.

Passage of LD 1447 will encourage new development and expansion of existing businesses on the U.S. Route 1 corridor and offer great economic opportunities to all.

Please consider this project as a driver for community and State revenues.

Respectfully,

Butch Asselin  
Houlton Town Manager

George W. McCluskey  
Chairman, Houlton Town Council

Cc Senator Michael Carpenter  
Representative Roger Sherman