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### **Testimony opposing LD 1060 “An Act to Increase the State Revenue from Casino Net Income, Reallocate the State Distribution and Provide Tax Uniformity”**

*Presented by Representative Rena Newell, Passamaquoddy Tribe to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs on Friday, April 2, 2021.*

Good morning Senator Luchini, Representative Caiozzo, and other distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee of Veteran and Legal Affairs. I am, Tribal Representative Rena Newell from the Passamaquoddy Tribe.

As the Tribal Representative of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, I feel it is my duty within my role to foster positive tribal-state relations. I would note the good work that has been done in recent years to improve tribal-state relations regarding issues of importance and mutual interest. This important work must continue and can through a government-to-government relationship.

The Passamaquoddy Tribe maintains its right to self-determination, self-governance and consultation to matters of importance and respectfully assert the position that laws should not be created that would affect us without our input.

While the Passamaquoddy Tribe appreciates the consideration of language in this proposed bill - **LD 1060, “An Act to Increase the State Revenue from Casino Net Income, Reallocate the State Distribution and Provide Tax Uniformity”** - we take exception to the absence of any communication from the bill sponsor to the tribe.

Therefore, on behalf of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, I respectfully ask this committee to remove any language that would pertain to the Passamaquoddy Tribe. I would also mention, should this committee decide to move forward in

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support of this proposed bill, I ask that an amendment be submitted reflecting our exclusion.

In closing, I humbly call upon each of you to give consideration to the continuance in elevating the standard to improving Tribal-state relations by raising your voice to vote against LD 1060 where it would relate to the tribe.

I'll be happy to answer any questions that members of the committee may have at this time, should I be unable to answer, I would ask that an opportunity to present a response be provided for during the work session.

Respectfully presented,  
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