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Representative Teresa Leger Fernandez (D-NM), Chair
Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: H.R. 6707, Advancing Equality for Wabanaki Nations Act

Dear Representative Leger Fernandez and Members of the Committee:

I am writing on behalf of Maine Governor Janet T. Mills in connection with H.R. 6707, "Advancing Equality for Wabanaki Nations Act". This bill would amend the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980, P.L. 96-420 (MICSA).

Through MICSA, Congress ratified a settlement of Indian lands claims that the State of Maine negotiated with the Wabanaki Nations.

I am writing today to inform the Subcommittee that the State of Maine, as a party to the settlement that H.R. 6707 would amend, is reviewing this legislation and will file written testimony before the close of the hearing record.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gerald D. Reid
Chief Counsel
Maine Governor Janet T. Mills



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