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

Dear Chairman Grijalva and Ranking Member Westerman,

There is no legitimate reason why the Federally-recognized Tribes of Maine - the Aroostook Band of Maliseet, Mi'kmaq Nation, Penobscot Nation and Passamaquoddy Tribe - should have been excluded by the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act in 1980 from benefiting from legislation designed to improve their lives and widen their opportunities.

HR 6707 is a long-overdue measure to create a remedy, going forward at least, and it deserves unanimous support from the Committee on Natural Resources. I am grateful to Representatives Golden and Pingree for submitting this important bill. Please do everything in your power to advance its prospects in the full Legislature.

Sincerely,

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