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To the members of the Committee:

I write in support of (L.D. 361) Bill "An Act To Establish a Permanent Appointment of a Member of the Wabanaki Tribes to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council". As a life-long resident of central Maine and someone who lives on the Penobscot River Valley, I deeply appreciate the leadership by Maine's Tribal entities to make our woods, waters, and wildlife healthier and more resilient for all creatures. We all have a right to clean water, clean air, and fish we can eat without dying at age 50 from cancer. I believe whole-heartedly that there are no better representatives of the long view of "natural resource management" than the original peoples of this land, who have known it intimately for 14,000 years. Please vote to bring this bill to the full legislature.

Thank you so much for your time,
Erica Cassidy Dubois, Bangor