Bill -

Do you have an open mind on the Environmental Protection bill?
Could you be convinced to vote against it?

Donna

Dear Donna,

Of course, I have an open mind! It might be pretty hard to convince me to vote against it, though. Bill

Starvos,

Have you totally made up your mind on the Environmental Terrorist bill?

Donna

No, I am still considering. I was going to vote against, but the Amendment seems O.K.

Starvos
Mirella -

Have you totally made up your mind to vote for the Environmental Terrorism Bill?

Could I convince you to vote against it?

Donna -

If it looks as if you guys will lose, I will. But I hope the votes can be found elsewhere...  

Mirella

David -

Have you totally made up your mind about the environmental terrorism bill?

Donna -

Hi,

No, I have not made up my mind yet. Any info you would like to share?

Dave
Bill -
Are we going to take a
chance & debate the
bill itself?
Can we see someone
recaulk the
window
after debate
amendment, then
we'll move in def.
postponement
of bill!

Donna -
Hear! Hear!
Thank you for
exposing the bill
on "Et" for what
it is!
Thank you!

Sue
Dear Donna,

Great info well delivered
Very Succinct
Excellent Flow Speech

Have a Good Day

Your friend

Sent 5/5/54/53

5/15/01

Donna,

Excellent speech! You absolutely convinced me to vote to kill that environmental terrorism bill.

Bravo!

Ross
my MITSC Bill

In statutory required language
other committees allowed to submit
direct legislation
Family health advisory cam.
Criminal law advisory cam.

- I am NOT a member of MITSC
any legislator who wishes my attendance at an MITSC meeting

My Rep. Shawn C....

They did not need 2 standing
direct legislation because MITSC had

Demand it me lobbying for them?

I hate pulled that part of the bill,
so it would get things to
House & Senate no problem.
Dear Rep. Sweeney,

Thank you for the gift and for the education of the Wabanaki culture. This is so important to all of us. Thank you.

Best,

Sharon

#120

By Wabanaki Day

Sharon spoke to one of the officers who had lost her. She was not a Rep at the time. She asked her if the ferry was open.

The ferry was open.

The ferry was open. The ferry was open.

This was the first communication from her and I was relieved.

5/20/01

Donna,

Great program this morning. Thank you for the gift. You have reason to be proud.

Regis Michaud

5/20/01

By Wabanaki Day
Donna:

I appreciate the mini broom. If you have three extra brooms I would like to give them to my children.

John Buck

[Handwritten notes]

Donna,

Thank you so much for the sweet grass ornament. I think I'm going to wear it as a pin so that I can smell it.

Pat

[Handwritten notes]
Support the paper to make spiky trees a class A crime! (Unbelievable)

From Ray Schneider

DEATH FOR SPIKING TREES!

Wow! What a headline today in the BDN! They finally nailed the buggers! This is such good news. Do you feel your efforts helped? I did! I haven't read the article yet but want to get down to the library today to read it.

Linda

0.03
Sent again
Lincoln suggested
Dear Donna,

Good fight – we will continue until we get it right.

Al

Donna

If this one goes down – should we withdraw this next one?

Joe
3. I feel strongly

- Maine has an opportunity to take the lead in recognizing and treating Indian people with respect and dignity.

Allowing us to vote on our own issues would give us a small voice in the policy making process that has had such tremendous effort on our Tribal Government, our everyday life and our very survival.

It is simply a question of human decency and fairness.

I urge you to support the Indian bill.

[Signature]
Hi Donna —

Judy Lucarelli is testifying in favor of your bill for the Dept + the Administration. This is how we coordinate testimony on behalf of the Administration. I am committed to the idea.

I have discussed the legislation with both the Dept. + the Governor. As you know, we support including Native American History + Culture in Maine Schools — the learning results + Maine Studies section of the law. The Commission part of the bill is a problem for the Department to staff + manage.

Sue Bell

2/15/01

Donna, we are going to have to postpone your Native American Education Presentation until the following week. We just have to do a follow-up caucus on the Budget. I will contact you with a future date. Thanks.

[Signature]
We should see if we can get the Chief's to be able to address the House / Senate of the State of the Tribes address. What do you think?

2/22/01

Saw with Mike Surl - he says his gut reaction is NO.
He has been very careful about where he allows to speak. He has turned down Senator Martin who wants to speak Ambassado to others.

I reminded him this is different we have a history together. He asked if I wanted him to trim about that. I said yes. He agreed to contact with his staff.
Donna, Donald

Can one of you
So out in hallway for
Interview with Naomi
Or PBS on our order?

Donna, we are planning to
Caucus next Thursday
at Lunchtime. If you would like to make
your presentation on the
Your Presentation on the
Native American Educator
Bill, we can make
Bill we can make
30 minutes or so available.

If you need more time, we should
Perhaps we should
Schedule it for an off site
Caucus.

Thank you.
Donna-

On my no-smoking bill.

I'll be talking on the amendments especially to the high-stakesieces on the reservation. Can you give me some ammunition. My personal feeling is that the game are on your land and we have no jurisdiction in telling you what to do or not to do. Now in law I realize there is something that we can use to control the game & chance even on the reservation but I'm not sure of anything here. Can you help me out.
Our Spirits Soar together
over the clouds, the wind, the storms. We glide on the wings
of the eagle as we fly to meet the dawn.

We are on an infinite journey
and our spirits are as one
we dance and laugh and sing and talk
and go on and on and on
Our Spirits soar together in a
never ending flight and we will
stay together on our never
ending flight. So go on
live and fly with love

we are on an infinite journey
and our spirits are as one.
we dance and laugh and sing
and talk and go on and on
and on
Our Spirits soar together over
clouds and wind and storm
we glide on the wings of the
gle as we fly to meet the dawn.
Ready to amend the bill now while it's in the House?

Donna

Yes, I think that the bill could be killed in the Senate and we wouldn't be able to amend it. I would need to amend the minority report. Let me show you the amendment to decide if it is strong enough. (It's in my office).

Donna

I think we have enough support to kill this bill, let's make sure.

Ray

Thank you for your support.
Good afternoon Senator Douglass, Representative Tuttle and members of the Legal & Veteran Affairs Committee on Legal & Veteran Affairs.

I am Representative Donna Loring of the Penobscot Nation. I am testifying in support of this joint order. I am a member of the Maine Commission on Veterans Affairs and a Vietnam Veteran.

According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, the estimated population of women veterans in 1994 was 1.2 million, or about 4.5% of the total veteran population. Currently, women make up 11.6% of the active duty military force and 13% of the reserve force. With growing representation in the military services, Congress authorized expanded services for women veterans.
Congress established the VA Advisory Committee on Women Veterans in 1983. Since 1986, "planning for and providing for comprehensive health services to women veterans has been a priority goal of veterans health administration."

There are approximately 9,000 women veterans in Maine.

According to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management of July 1999, there were 1,500 WWII women veterans and 700 Korean veterans in the state of Maine.

"The impact of WWII women veterans' health care in their late 60s to early 70s is great. Women veterans who are rapidly aging and have been taking advantage of VA services and long-term care. However, medical needs are not as acute as many women in their 60s will be. Women veterans will be joining men and women currently there in the VA medical center."

Women veterans' needs will be seeing more and more women. Presently there are no women seated on the board of directors of the hospital."
A board sent dedicated
to a woman veteran is a
recently.

The Maine veterans home was established
in -- ? and has never had
a woman sent as it's board.

It is time that the
veterans have a say in their care.

We need to guarantee women
veterans representation on the
board.

[Handwritten signature]
Ben -

Would you be able to attend a special luncheon hosted by Donald & me?

At noon in a Vet & Legal Affairs room.

Donna

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Chris -

Can you make it?

Lunchen at noon?

Donna

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You can bet on it.
Dear Donna,

I cannot support the tribal effort to build a casino in Southern Maine.

Let me tell you why. I am opposed to any form of gambling. I do not support the lottery, Beano or anything that takes on the appearance of gambling. I have never supported the type of behavior. My views on this matter only strengthened when I married a man who turned out to be a compulsive gambler. Life with this man was a living hell. I attended Gamblers Anonymous and found out what a terrible illness this is. It destroys families, it is almost impossible to kick the habits because it is in demand. We only have a small population of
people in this state. I truly believe the type of "business" would more people to land on the welfare rolls. More families will be broken because of this behavior. Yes, there are people who can control themselves. I believe that this state has a large population of people who have addictive behaviors. I remember when Atlantic City accepted gambling. They promised that if they allowed the city to have casinos that they would use much of their profits to benefit and help the economic area of Atlantic City. So this is you will see that it did not do any of this.

I would like to help these people, not hurt in this area.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
The Penobscot Nation is in favor of a study commission to look at the possibility of a casino in Maine. There has been much speculation and hype about more crime, increased traffic, loss of control, etc. A study would answer all of these concerns and shine some light on this proposed project.

The Penobscot Nation and the Passamaquoddy Tribe proposed a casino as a viable and sustainable economic venture. It is working well for other tribes and states across the country. This is a government-to-government proposal. The State legislature as the policy making body of the State would be remiss and even neglectful if they did not consider this proposal from the tribes seriously and respectfully and study.

The 11th and the 12th (lot seven) appeared before over fifty studies on issues from land trust, gas taxes, high speed trains, opportunities associated with the productivity of salmonoid sport fish.

This economic opportunity has the potential of bringing thousands of jobs to Maine and billions of dollars to the State coffers. Tribal governments deserve to be treated with respect and their proposal merits serious consideration and study by policy makers of the State. I urge you to approve the study.