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Subject: Indigenous Peoples' Day

Please vote in Favor of changing Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day. As an Abenaki living in VT, I strongly feel that the continued support of an explorer who has been falsely honored as the discoverer of the United States, who massacred the indigenous people that he did find living where he landed, is an insult to the people of Ndakinna. (our homeland). I have been involved with education my whole life, and the wrongs that were taught for eons are now beginning to be made right. Honoring the people who have lived here for thousands of years is a way to continue the healing from years of colonization and genocide.

Thank you for your time, Please do the honorable thing.

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