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My name is Jillian Gruber, and as an employee of the Portland Public Library, my pension is through MainePERS. I'm asking you to support LD1383 because our state money and my contributions should be a force for good in the world, not used to fuel corporations that aid the detention of our neighbors and genocide.

It is unconscionable for us to be contributing to and complicit with companies that directly harm community here and abroad. All across the state right now, town and city governments are condemning the inhumane tactics of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and yet our investments are fueling ICE deportation flights carrying Mainers from Hanscom Field in Massachusetts to out-of-state detention centers.

I am not asking MainePERS to do anything they haven't already done. Since passing a fossil fuel divestment bill four years ago, MainePERS reduced its fossil fuel exposure by half (7.8% to 3.9%) and the portfolio has grown by over \$1 billion dollars.

Please let us make sure our investments match our basic values of human rights.  
Thank you!