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LD 1383

Honorable Members of the State and Local Government Committee:

My name is Matsu Hikida, I am a resident of Montville, and I am writing today in support of LD 1383, An Act to Require State Divestment from Perpetrators of International Human Rights Violations. I believe that divestment is a powerful tool in a democracy and a way to “vote with your dollars” on a larger scale. As a farmer, I would much rather our money be invested in climate resiliency projects. As a former educator, I would much rather our money be invested in education for our youth. As someone who uses state highways to get to work every day, I would much rather our money be invested in infrastructure. I would much rather bet on humanity.

This bill was thoughtfully written and includes exceptions for humanitarian aid and interests of state and national security. This bill will accomplish what should be standard. There should be no concern or debate about standing with global human rights organizations and against countries committing ethnic cleansing, apartheid, or war crimes. Please support LD 1383. Thank you.