

Testimony on LD1383, An Act to Require State Divestment from Perpetrators of International Human Rights Violations

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Dear Senator Baldacci, Representative Salisbury, and members of the Committee on State and Local Government,

My name is Mo Lotman, I'm a resident of Belfast. I would like to testify in support of LD1383. The state of Maine has a choice when investing its assets. There are many ways to potentially invest money that will offer a good return to support the programs that Mainers need. Given that choice and flexibility, there is absolutely no real argument to support investing in corporations which are engaging in harmful or illegal practices. Currently, Maine is investing in at least three corporations which are contributing to human rights abuses: Boeing, Signature Aviation, and Palantir. Their involvement in the Gaza genocide and civil liberties abuses here at home involving ICE, plus the disturbing accrual of surveillance data on ordinary Americans, is enough reason to stop supporting these corporations with our tax dollars. I hope you will vote to pass LD1383 and help ensure our investments are not contributing to human rights abuses here and abroad.

I thank you for your time and consideration.

Best wishes,

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