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LD 1383

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

I am writing to ask that you support LD 1383 - Require State Divestment from Perpetrators of International Human Rights Violations.

The success of our state depends on our state employees; we are nothing without them. Supporting them both in their active employment and retirement is key to our state's success. Because of that, I want my state to align with principles of peace and safety for all. Our state money should be a force for good in the world, not fuel corporations that aid in the detention of our neighbors and genocide.

Maine Public Employees Retirement System (MPERS), makes the state complicit in human rights abuses by holding stock in companies that are contributing directly to genocide and the detention of our neighbors, examples include:

- Signature Aviation (part of a \$141,000,000 fund) which fuels ICE deportation flights
- Palantir (\$19,873,138.56) which uses AI and surveillance to support deportation at home and genocides abroad
- Boeing (\$10,133,708.92) which supplies weapons of war used against civilians around the world.

Under the rulings of the International Court of Justice, investors may bear accomplice or contribution liability for international crimes committed using funds they have provided. We should standardize our investment practices in compliance with international law and cement Maine's reputation as a leader in responsible investment.

Thank you,
Anna