

Kennebec County
LD 1383

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LD 1383, An Act To Require the State To Divest Itself of Assets Invested in Corporations That Contribute to Genocide and Human Rights Abuses:

I am a resident of Kennebec County and I am in strong support of LD1383.

Our communities are in crisis here in Maine. We need healthcare and housing, not surveillance and weapons. Like many in our state, I endure the burden of unaffordable and inadequate healthcare. Our hard-earned tax dollars should not be invested in corporations that make genocide and deportation possible, but rather in systems of care and security.

Signature Aviation, Palantir, and Boeing – the corporations in which our state currently invests over \$170 million dollars total – are not benign holdings for capital; they are weapons against humanity. And I urge you to consider the humanity destroyed by this corporate weaponry: Palestinian children suffering multiple amputations, many performed without anesthesia, due to the relentless bombing of Gaza with weapons made here. Immigrant parents being deported to other countries and children detained going missing. Meanwhile, our military activity across the globe is the leading cause of the irreparable climate collapse we face, even here in Maine.

I say, shame on us. We must right this wrong.

Thank you Senator Baldacci, Representative Salisbury, and honorable members of the Committee for State and Local Government for considering my testimony. I urge you to support LD1383.