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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

Thank you to Senator Baldacci, Representative Salisbury, and honorable members of the Committee for allowing me to submit testimony in support of LD 1383. I believe that—whenever possible—we should not fund that which we don't believe in. I don't think that Mainers believe in bombing innocent civilians or ripping our neighbors from their families. I certainly don't believe in it, and I would be so proud if Maine took this step to stand up for peace and safety around the world.

As a Jewish Mainers, I also believe it is important to get ahead of any suggestions that to do so is somehow antisemitic. Of course it is not, and it is deeply disingenuous to suggest otherwise. As a Jew, I am horrified by the genocide currently underway in Gaza. I am even more horrified to know it is partially funded by Maine investments in these companies.

I strongly recommend that you support this bill.

Thank you.