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LD 1383

To the members of the State and Local Government Committee:

I am writing in support of LD 1383, An Act to Require State Divestment from Perpetrators of International Human Rights Violations. I believe the state of Maine should not support companies that are involved in human rights abuses, including genocide and war crimes -- it is little enough that we can do to fight such abuses. The Treasurer's commission to monitor and report, that is called for in the bill, will help ensure honesty and transparency in our divestment; the exceptions for humanitarian aid and national security will keep it focused. We must be a state that acts for justice, and for peace in the world -- this is a good step in that direction. I urge its passage.

Thank you,  
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