

LD 1383

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An Act to Require State Divestment from Perpetrators of International Human Rights Violations

Thank you to Senator Baldacci, Representative Salisbury, and honorable members of the Committee

My name is Bernadette Telfare. I am a resident of Portland. I wanted to give my statement for LD 1383 in person.

Unfortunately, I foresee the effect of the weather could cause me respiratory problems. Fortunately, I have shelter and ability to get needed food without the loss of life getting it. If medical attention is needed, it would not be blocked. It appears this is not the case for the people of Gaza and neighbors of other genocides. I will not take time to argue about the cost of inflicting such atrocities on anyone. I was reared Protestant and have studied other belief systems. The Creator of Universe by any name would not sanction such atrocities.

Apparently, there is much profit from weaponization. My research shows that there is a financial killing from killing people. May this committee divest from such companies.

Thank you,

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