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LD 1383

My name is Thomas Griffin. I am a resident of Hope, Maine where I have lived and farmed for over 20 years. When I am asked where I reside my response is often: "I live in Hope literally and figuratively."

With this sentiment in mind I am writing in support of LD 1383 which would, as I understand it, lead to the divestment of, an admittedly small fraction, in the Maine state and pension fund portfolio. My interest and the primary reason I am encouraging you to support LD 1383 is to starve the extractive, militaristic and anti-human rights industries which are the target of these proposed divestitures, thereby making it possible to re-invest these monies into businesses which support more life-sustaining activities of which there are many.

I am not so naive to think that these proposed divestments will actually "starve" the targeted interests of their financial support and their power. But this action eliminates a small fraction of their funding and more importantly sends a powerful message of where the state of Maine wishes to put its' support.

As a long term organic farmer I live every year with a new season of possibility and with the knowledge that it is not possible to know what is possible. Again, I live in Hope.