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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 speak today.

My name is Carolyn Bancroft and I am a resident of Bath. I am testifying today in support of LD 1383. I am a state employee, a member of the state employee's union (MSEA), and a member of Maine PERS. I am also a parent of two young children and a proud graduate of Portland Public Schools.

As a state employee, I contribute hundreds of dollars from every paycheck to MainePERS, which translates to tens of thousands of dollars over my six years working for the State. I don't want any of my earnings to be invested in companies that consistently, knowingly, and directly enable or facilitate unlawful detentions, genocide, or other war crimes and crimes against humanity.

I want to build a world for my children, my community, and our state that is safer, more just and peaceful than the one we are living in today. Bills like LD 1383 aim to take a small step in that direction.

I urge you to vote ought to pass on LD 1383. Thank you for your time.