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Good morning honorable members of the state and local government committee,

My name is Rae Sage, and I am a veteran who served 6 years in the United States Air Force, doing one tour in Afghanistan during my time and supporting combat operations for the entirety of my service. I say this not to express pride in my actions, as I walk with the deep moral injury of what I enabled every day-but instead to make clear that I have seen the sobering reality of war (as many of us have living in a time when a genocide can be live streamed) and understand what is at stake if we continue to invest in state violence locally and abroad.

I ask that you please support LD1383 as an act of common sense and a bid towards a better future for all people. What is happening in Palestine is a Genocide and it is wrong. US aggression and pursuit of war in Venezuela, Nigeria, and Greenland is wrong. ICE agents patrolling our streets, killing people with impunity, and kidnapping our neighbors is wrong.

The people of Maine deserve to have their tax dollars work for them, not against them and as we have seen so blatantly, the tactics that are practiced against those deemed enemies abroad, will always find their way home to our soil and be used to target whoever this administration deems enemy at their convenience.

It should not be a revolutionary act to divest from genocide, ethnic cleansing, and war crimes but it is because we live in a colonial project founded on these tactics, and we have never at any point in our history divested from and condemned them in totality as a nation.

Please support LD1383. Let Maine lead in birthing a new world where we do not conflate endless war, the stripping of individual rights, and the targeting of those deemed different with safety and progress.

Thank you.

-Rae Sage