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name is Kathryn Stein. I am a resident of Augusta and a full-time employee of the Department of Marine Resources. I am writing to express my whole-hearted support of LD 1383. Not only as a taxpayer of Maine but also as someone who will be a direct recipient of Maine PERS, I cannot stomach the continued financial support of companies that would seek to profit from the oppression and eradication of human life. As someone who was raised in the Jewish faith, I cannot support the displacement, antagonization, and mass murder of a people based on their ethnic, cultural, or religious background. Investment done right not only states which companies or industries that we anticipate flourishing over time, but which ones we actively wish to cultivate. Our collective history is filled with instances where we as a society have chosen profit over human wellness and life. It's easy to look back on these with a critical eye and assume that the people who took part in them were simply evil. But it is through small but continuous decisions on the part of those in power to ignore the call to do right in favor of doing what makes more money. I will happily reduce what money I receive if I can look back on my life with a conscience clear of knowing that my leisure is not won at the expense of my humanity.