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LD 1383

My name is CHARLES MAMANE . I am a resident of Camden, Maine, and registered Democrat in the state of Maine.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to LD 1383, for a variety of reasons, not the least of which is that it is precisely intended to target one country, Israel.

Although the bill's wording appears neutral, it is unquestionably intended to target only Israel. It's a safe bet the bill's originators and proponents, who are part of an anti-Israel coalition, will not be urging sanctions against TURKEY or QATAR ... countries that provide ideological and financial support to Hamas, whose founding charter calls for the killing of all Jews and the destruction of Israel, and who, as demonstrated by the events of 10/7, still pursues this goal. At least some of the activists behind this bill deny the atrocities committed by Hamas on October 7th or argue that those murders, rapes and kidnappings were justified.

As of 2025, 34 UN member states along with the Holy See and the European Parliament have formally recognized the Armenian genocide by Turkey. Yet, the wording of this bill will not cover this genocide and target Turkey.

And then there is the cost. Passage of a bill that unconstitutionally outsources important economic decisions to foreign groups and targets Israel will generate immediate legal challenges. This will cost our taxpayers vast sums of money ... money that is desperately needed for other state purposes.

Finally, I urge you not to add your voice to the chorus of hate against the Jewish community in Maine.

Respectfully,  
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