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LD 1383

Subject: Concerns Regarding Process and Standards in LD 1383

I am a resident of Thomaston and a registered Democrat writing with concerns about the process and standards outlined in LD 1383. My concern is not with the goals of the bill, but with how determinations would be made that could trigger significant economic and contractual consequences for the State of Maine.

As written, the bill relies on findings by a “credible international body,” explicitly including the United Nations and the International Criminal Court. While these institutions play important international roles, the bill does not distinguish between the very different kinds of findings they issue — such as judicial judgments, investigations, advisory opinions, or political resolutions — nor does it specify evidentiary thresholds or standards for action. Treating allegations, preliminary proceedings, or non-judicial reports as sufficient grounds for state divestment raises serious concerns about due process, accountability, and fiduciary responsibility. For legislation with such far-reaching implications, I believe it is essential to have a clearer vetting process for credibility and greater precision about what types of findings can trigger state action. Without these safeguards, the bill risks unintended consequences and legal challenges, regardless of one’s views on the underlying international issues.

Thank you for your time and careful consideration.

Sincerely,
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