

LD 1383

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Thank you committee members, Senator Baldacci and Representative Salisbury. I'm Grace Abbott from Freeport, a Jewish Mainer in support of LD 1383. My grandparents immigrated to the US in the 1950s. They were both Jewish by ancestry but neither considered themselves religiously Jewish, having grown up close to the violence of World War II in Egypt and England respectively. In the US, they lived in a neighborhood where Jews were not welcome. They would not have been able to live there had they been openly Jewish. My grandfather worked his way up to become CEO of a manufacturing company. When I turned 18, I inherited investments from my grandparents. Because of this, I feel intimately aware of what it means to make money from large corporations. I've struggled in my young adult years to reckon with the fact that my education and much of my livelihood has been funded by the exploitation of others. I am taking steps every day to divest my money from structures of harm, and I hope my home state does too by passing LD 1383.