

Hi

My name is MJ Convey and I live in Hebron Maine.

I'm testifying because I do not think that the state of Maine should be funding, investing in, or profiting from "companies, entities, persons or financial institutions that operate in, directly benefit from or are associated with perpetrator states, countries or governing bodies that have been determined by independent and credible international bodies to have committed the crime of apartheid, ethnic cleansing, genocide or a war crime."

Divesting from actors participating in apartheid, ethnic cleansing, and war crimes makes it more difficult for these actors to commit these crimes against humanity. Since these terrible crimes are often the results of market economies, combatting these crimes must be a conscious and active effort, as we should never expect markets to solve the problems they create.

This is why I think bill LD1383 should be passed.