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TESTIMONY ON LD 1383

Public Hearing January 21st, 2026 11am

**An Act to Require the State to Divest Itself of Assets Invested in
Corporations that Contribute to Genocide and Human Rights Abuses**

Thank you to the honorable members of the Committee on State and Local Government for allowing me to write to you today. My name is Marianne Donahue LCSW, and I have been a Licensed Clinical Social Worker for at least 25 years and ongoing. I reside in Portland, ME. This is my first time writing because I was compelled to speak up and take some action re: such an important bill.

I provide trauma counseling services to individuals who have come to the U.S. after experiencing horrific persecution, including brutal genocide, in their native countries. They are men and women who have fled various countries to save their lives, seeking asylum, and hoping for protection and peace. Their courage is admirable.

Unfortunately, now is a time of turmoil and fear for SO many. It is truly devastating to witness the profound negative impact on good people who have had to endure a multitude of injustices and human rights violations. These include but are certainly not limited to: severe cuts of essential financial and supportive community resources, significant changes in the asylum process, and frightening ICE arrests and detainment. People are suffering and losing hope.

I believe that LD 1383 is vitally important especially at this time. Investments that contribute to any country committing human rights violations would be seriously addressed and would be considered illegal. I strongly advocate that LD 1383 would be a responsible, humanitarian action step that would uphold the American values of liberty and justice for all. I respectfully urge the committee to vote for the passing of LD 1383. Thank you all.

Sincerely,

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