

*LD 1383: An Act to Require the State to Divest Itself of Assets Invested in Corporations That Contribute to Genocide and Human Rights Abuses*

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Thank you to Senator Baldacci, Representative Salisbury, and honorable members of the Committee for allowing me to speak today.

I'm a Maine resident, and I'm here to support LD1383 because I cannot stomach the fact that my tax dollars have been contributing to the atrocities happening around the world and in my own community.

Sometimes, the decision to do the right thing comes at a painful cost, but this one doesn't. It's not only the ethical choice to stop investing in corporations that profit off of human rights abuses; it's also the legally responsible choice because it means we won't be liable for international crimes that our tax dollars would've funded. Furthermore, divesting would be a manageable change and one that Maine fiduciaries have made before, with very positive outcomes. There is no downside for us.

We have an incredible opportunity here to make a strong statement and a real impact for our communities at home and around the world — I urge you to take it.

Please don't put Mainers in the position of being complicit in brutality and having to build their futures with blood money. Please support this bill.

Thank you for your time.