

LD 1383

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Hello,

My name is Matthew Lambrych. I am a citizen in Rockport, Maine, and an emergency medicine physician. I've devoted my life to caring for people in their most fragile moments. I've treated victims of horrific violence and unspeakable human suffering. Yet, my experiences pale in comparison to the images coming out of Gaza and compels me to speak out with urgency and moral clarity.

As a physician, I'm guided by a simple but profound oath: first, do no harm. Yet our state's financial ties to entities that materially support the ongoing genocide in Gaza place us in direct violation of that principle. Hospitals have been destroyed, children and parents alike buried beneath the rubble. Our state dollars have assisted in ongoing efforts to deprive entire communities of food, water, electricity, and medical care. These are not abstract political outcomes. They are mass-casualty conditions inflicted on a civilian population at a systematic level.

This is not a matter of partisan politics. It is a matter of human rights, simple ethics, and the sanctity of life.

I want my state to align with universal principles of peace and safety for all. Our state money should be a force for good in the world, not used to fuel corporations that aid the detention of our neighbors and perpetuation of genocide.

Support LD1383 to require the Maine Public Employee Retirement System to divest any holdings or stocks in companies that contribute directly to genocide and the detention of our neighbors, and to comply with international law.

Thank you.