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My name is Alison Chow Palm, I live and vote in Belfast, Maine.

I am an emergency room nurse and the child of an immigrant. I believe that my roles as both a nurse and a member of the Maine community require me to protect the marginalized and advocate for my neighbors.

As an ER nurse, I spend my days caring for those who have been harmed. Sometimes, by the violent actions of others: drunk drivers, domestic violence, or bar fights. More often, by societal neglect through lack of access to food, education, and preventative healthcare. Whether through direct action or neglect, the damage can harm lives and communities.

As the child of an immigrant, I am now less and less reassured that my father carrying his United States passport with him will keep him safe. Under the current growing danger for people who are not white and who speak with an accent, I am embarrassed that the question of investing in companies that make money off of deportation flights or bombs is one that my fellow Mainers would even consider.

I believe we are better and stronger than the temptation to take dividends from the pain of our neighbors, whether they are next door or in another country. I believe that we have more compassion, and, frankly, more imagination, than to use our state's decision making power to cause harm.

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