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Thank you Maine State Legislators for all you do for our state and for the opportunity to speak to you today.

There is one thing we all agree upon: Genocide and human rights violations are a stain against humanity. This we have in common.

Where I disagree with this bill, is the sources of information used to find incidenses of genocide and human rights violations. This bill mentions several sources of credible institutions to rely upon for this information. A summary inspection of these institutions reveal they are not credible at all. Far from it. Let me explain

1. A cursory look at the criticism of Amnesty International. In 2009 Amnesty International's management team offered to resign after an independent report by Konterra group found what it called a "toxic culture" of workplace harassment, sexism and racism. The report was commissioned by Amnesty after the 2 suicides 1. A 30-year Amnesty veteran in May 2018 (who left a note citing work culture), and 28-year-old intern in July 2018. Gita Sahgal, the head of Amnesty Gender Unit was suspended in 2010 by the organization's leadership. Sahgal said that Amnesty International suffered from "ideological bankruptcy".
2. United Nations and its departments, another source of non-credible information: Last week The United States House of Representatives passed a bipartisan bill defunding to the (ICC), the International Court of Justice, UN employees actively participated in the Oct. 7 massacre, hid Israeli hostages in their homes in Gaza, and helped build the 450 miles of terror tunnels in Gaza with cement bags stamped with the logo of UN. Is the United Nations credible? No.

So, how can we improve this bill? Perhaps, we should use the reports issued by the Central Intelligence Departments of the U.S. to determine whom around the globe is committing genocide and violating Human Rights. If you want to consider input of unreliable foreign entities, at a minimum include the US State Department in this equation and make 'unanimous all parties agree' decisions that will remove all 'unintended bias' and 'intentional bias'. Otherwise you are allowing foreign bad

actors to manipulate our economy and our sovereignty by simply 'accusing' our strategic alliances with genocide or human rights violations.

That is one of the **many** reasons why 38 states have codified anti-BDS legislation. This bill, as written, opens the window for adversaries of the USA to destroy us from within.

*It seems like folly to me for Maine tax dollars to be spent figuring out how to equitably determine unproven accusations of genocide and human rights violations in foreign countries.*

We did not elect anyone in Amnesty International, or the UN. Why is this proposed Maine legislation amplifying their tainted voices? Where is the input of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, whose charter is to protect the security of U.S. citizens and the sovereignty of our great nation.

LD 1383 is a partisan vote that divides us. Instead of voting for LD 1383, Maine's elected officials should CHOOSE MAINE —focusing on consensus from different sides of the issue to resolve differences and create legislation that uses our tax dollars to directly benefit Mainers.