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Testimony in support of LD 1383

I support this legislation because our state should not be investing in entities that are complicit in human rights violations. I am particularly concerned about the horrifying crimes being committed against Palestinian civilians by the Israeli government. Because I am Jewish, I feel that I have a special responsibility to speak out. In some sense, these crimes are being done in my name.

I realize that this issue is sensitive for many people, Jews and non-Jews. I encourage everyone to explore the history of the present crisis. I recently read a short book, “Being Jewish After the Destruction of Gaza”, by Peter Beinart that explores the subject with thoughtfulness and compassion. I encourage everyone, Jewish or not, to read it.

I urge you to vote to support 1383.