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LD 1383

Testimony before the Committee on State and Local Government LD 1383: An Act to Require the State to Divest Itself of Assets Invested in Corporations that Contribute to Genocide and Human Rights Abuses on Wednesday, January 21, 11 am.

Senator Baldacci, Representative Salisbury, Representative Rafael Macias, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jane Beers and I am a resident of Belfast. I am testifying in support of LD 1383.

I am writing to urge you to support LD 1383, which will remove investments of the Maine Public Employee Retirement System from companies like Palantir and Signature Aviation, which are providing services to ICE as well as contributing to other human rights violations around the world. Reallocating the stocks in question, roughly less than 1% of the fund's assets, would be very manageable.

While I am not a member of MPERS, I want my State to align with my 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 genocide. We should not be complicit in human rights abuses!