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LD 1383

Subject: Support for LD 1383: Aligning State Investments with Ethical Standards

Dear Senator Baldacci, Representative Salisbury, and Honorable Members of the Committee,

I am writing as a Portland resident and a South Portland nurse practitioner to urge your strong support for LD 1383.

Maine's pension funds currently fall short of reflecting the core values of our citizens. At present, our state holds investments in corporations that facilitate severe human rights abuses, including those profiting from ongoing genocides and those funding ICE deportation flights.

I believe that Maine's financial security should never be built upon the suffering of others, whether here or abroad.

In my professional life as a healthcare provider, I have dedicated my career to the health and well-being of others. It is profoundly unsettling to know that our state remains complicit in global violence and systemic abuse through its investment portfolio. Furthermore, as a resident, I am deeply concerned by the lack of due process in deportation proceedings—actions that we, as taxpayers and retirees, are inadvertently subsidizing.

Mainers are known for their ingenuity and integrity. We are entirely capable of securing a stable financial future for our retirees through responsible investment strategies that do not compromise our moral standing.

I urge you to support LD 1383 to ensure that Maine stands on the right side of history and invests in a future we can all be proud of.

Respectfully,
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