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LD 1383 An Act to Require the State To Divest Itself of Assets Invested in Corporations That Contribute to Genocide and Human Rights Abuses

Thank you Senator Baldacci, Representative Salisbury, and honorable members of the Committee for allowing me to speak today.

My name is Julia Haberstick, I'm a resident of Portland and lifelong Mainer. I took today off from work to show my support for LD 1383 in person because I believe it is crucial that the state of Maine divest our hundreds of millions of dollars from evil corporations like Boeing and Signature Aviation that have a hand in the injustices we are seeing around the world and here at home. I will not stand by while my tax dollars are used to deport innocent people, or to build bombs and detention centers. The federal government is out of control but I'm here now, asking that my state take a stand and do something about all of this. ICE has never been about arresting or deporting criminals. They're in Maine, terrorizing our communities. Just yesterday in Portland a high school student was detained by ICE. A child, not a criminal. I'm terrified for my friends and my significant other, who have all been here for decades, legally might I add. But that doesn't matter. ICE has kidnapped citizens, "legal" immigrants and asylum seekers and deported people to countries they aren't even from. My loved ones are unable to leave their homes without the very real fear that untrained government sponsored terrorists in masks will take them from their families, beat or kill anyone who tries to stop them, and do so with impunity. **IMPUNITY!** For **TERRORIZING** people! The 4th and 5th amendments apply to **EVERYONE** not just citizens. Where is

the due process? There's no law and order here. Only a total disregard for human rights. I'm sick to my stomach every day knowing what is going on in America and abroad, and my tax dollars are making it all possible. I'm ashamed, disgusted and downright furious. Are we Nazi sympathizers? Are we going to play dumb, or turn a blind eye? Blame those in power? I plead you all to support LD 1383. Divestment is one of the most effective ways to enact change. Maine needs to be on the right side of history and humanity. Make the right choice. We should not profit from human suffering. Mainers have heart, integrity and love for one another, our laws and policies should reflect this. Thank you for your time.

FIRST THEY CAME

By Martin Niemöller

First they came for the Communists And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Communist Then they came for the
Socialists And I did not speak out Because I was not a
Socialist.

Then they came for the trade unionists And I did not speak out
Because I was not a trade unionist Then they came for the
Jews And I did not speak out Because I was not a Jew
Then they came for me And there was no one left To speak
out for me.