

Good morning Senators Baldacci, Beebe-Center, Martin; Chairperson Salisbury, Representatives Adams, Copeland, Farrin, Gramlich, Greenwood, Pomerleau, Rollins, Tuell, and Underwood,

My name is Emory Buco Harger, I'm a resident of Lincolnville in Waldo County and I am a Maine taxpayer. I urge you to vote ought to pass LD 1383. I decided to make Maine my longterm home because of our ethic for caring for our neighbors.

I want my tax dollars and our state to align with our shared principles of caring for our neighbors' safety and wellbeing, not funding corporations like Signature Aviation, Palantir, and Boeing who enable the inhumane and illegal practices of Immigration Customs & Enforcement.

When MPERS invests retirement funds in these companies, the state of Maine is supporting ICE's proven track record of violating constitutional rights, illegally detaining and deporting legal immigrants and U.S. citizens, and supporting the genocide in Gaza.

Mainers are at legal risk by supporting these human rights abuses — according to the International Court of Justice, investors like MPERS contribute liability for international crimes committed using funds we as Maine taxpayers provide.

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