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LD 1383

I am writing to ask that you support LD 1383, An Act To Require the State To Divest Itself of Assets Invested in Corporations That Contribute to Genocide and Human Rights Abuses.

I am a resident of South Portland and work in the Maine Community College System. My retirement plan is with Maine PERS. I do not want my funds invested in corporations that abuse human rights, including genocide and ICE detention. I want my funds invested in the community and in humanity.

Many New Mainers attend community college in an effort to better support their families and contribute to our state. The fear and anxiety caused by the presence and threat of ICE negatively impacts students' ability to succeed in college, creating a harmful environment in our classrooms and on our campuses. Everyone deserves access to a safe and dignified education and life.

Our taxes and public funds should be invested in companies that ethically and humanely support all people and make our state sustainable and healthy for everyone who lives here, which is why I implore you to support LD 1383.