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My name is Peter Imber and I am a citizen of the United States and a registered voter in the State of Maine. Nobody is fooled by LD 1383 and its singling out of Israel for divestment. The condemnation of Israel in the United Nations has been a longstanding obsession of that body. It precedes the Hamas led attack of Israel on October 7, 2023 and the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) maintains a permanent agenda item dedicated solely to Israel's human rights record; no other country is subjected to such a standing requirement-- not Iran, nor North Korea, not Myanmar, nor China. In 2025, the UN General Assembly adopted 15 resolutions critical of Israel compared to 12 for the rest of the world combined. In the past 10 years there have been 173 resolutions against Israel and only 80 against all other countries. Yes, the situation between Israel and the Palestinians is tragic and dire but adhering to and promoting the continuation of a double standard will not bring the parties any closer to its resolution and peace.