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LD 1383 An Act to Require State Divestment from Perpetrators of International Human Rights Violations

Hello,

Thank you to Senator Baldacci, Representative Salisbury, and honorable members of the Committee for allowing me to speak today. My name is Jaimee Lambert and I am a resident of Portland Maine, 04103. I support LD 1383 - An Act to Require State Divestment from Perpetrators of International Human Rights Violations. I want my state to align with my principles of peace and safety for all as our state funds should be a force for good in the world. It should not aid corporations that fuel genocide and detention of New Mainers, or any neighbors. Additionally, our state employees deserve to have a dignified retirement and we can balance that with a healthy, fully-funded pension that doesn't fund human rights abuses. For example, the MPERS investment team knows how to balance a \$22 billion pension fund to weather recessions, tariff wars and COVID; reallocating the stocks in question, roughly less than 1% of the funds assets, will be more than manageable in comparison.

I strongly recommend that you support this bill. Thank you for your time.