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I am a retired teacher and receive my pension through the MPERS system and I have a red line: I cannot support any person, group of persons, or corporations (not a person!) that support human rights abuses here or abroad.

It is for this reason that I strongly urge you to support and pass LD 1383, which will divest Maine's assets invested in corporations that are currently contributing to genocide and human rights abuses globally and in the cities and states of the United States.

Corporations such as Signature Aviation, which fuels ICE deportation flights; Palantir, which uses AI and surveillance to support deportations at home and genocide abroad; and Boeing, which supplies weapons of war used against communities around the world should never, ever have access to the tax dollars of the people of the state of Maine.

It makes me heartsick and literally ill to think that the money I receive from MPERS, the money on which I depend to live day-to-day, comes from the suffering of my own neighbors and the people of Gaza and Sudan.

Divesting from assets invested in these corporations, and others like them, is an opportunity for Maine to be a leader in the struggle against the autocrats who seek to control the resources of the world and use them to abuse the rights of ordinary people.

Divesting will also help Maine prevent violations of international laws, should the world courts seek someday to indict and prosecute the offenders of human rights.

Please support LD 1383. Please advise the MPERS board to identify violators of human rights and avoid investing in them in the future.

Respectfully,