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LD 1383, An Act To Require the State To Divest Itself of Assets Invested in Corporations That Contribute to Genocide and Human Rights Abuses

Thank you to Senator Baldacci, Representative Salisbury, and honorable members of the Committee for allowing me to submit my testimony in this way as I am unable to come to the committee meeting in person. My name is Stacey Rees, and I am a resident of Alna. I am a Certified Nurse Midwife who works at my local hospital where I have attended births for more than 10 years. I write in strong support of LD1383 to prohibit the state of Maine from investing state resources into, and generating profits from, corporations that abuse human rights.

Although I am not a direct participant in the Maine state pension funds that this bill addresses, as a Maine resident I object to the investment of any state funds in corporations that profit from human rights abuses, either abroad in Palestine or right here at home. Mainers don't want pension fund earnings from companies that profit from providing support services to ICE, or who profit from genocide.

I am horrified by the multitude of human right abuses that continue to be perpetrated against the people of Palestine. I am shocked as I watch people being killed and wounded by ICE with impunity. I am sickened by the many, many reports of good people who are not criminals, rather contributing members of our communities, that are being deported with no respect for the rule of law or of due process. I do not want state funds to contribute to these crimes in any way.

By divesting from holdings in companies such as Palantir and Signature Aviations I hope that we can send a strong message to such companies and others, and align Maine dollars with our strong Maine values of generosity, community and respect for individual rights.

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