

**Testimony in support of LD1383,  
An Act to Require State Divestment  
from Perpetrators of International Human Rights Violations**

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Thank you to Senator Baldacci, Representative Salisbury, and honorable members of the Committee for allowing me to speak today. My name is Linda Snow. I live in North Yarmouth. I am here to register my strong support for LD 1383.

Last weekend I sang with 60 other voices in a concert titled “I Have a Voice”. I am here today testifying because I am lucky enough to live in a place where I have a voice. My state pension funds are supporting entities that are funding human rights abuses of people around the world, including supporting Palestinian genocide and the deportation of our own new Maine neighbors.

I earned my State pension as an audiologist at the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. I took that job to take part in the effort to improve the quality of life for Maine’s deaf and hard of hearing children and their families. I am proud of the work I did at the school for the deaf on Mackworth Island. I am proud to be a resident of the state of Maine. I am not proud that my state pension is being invested in a way that supports the destruction of the quality of life for so many and takes the lives of many others.

I am here because I have a voice, speaking for those who do not have a voice. Please hear my voice today, asking the state of Maine to do the right thing by complying with international law and acting with human dignity in its investment practices.

Thank you again for your time.