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Hope
LD 1383

Hello. My name is Deb Soule. I was born and raised in western Maine and for the last forty years have lived and run Avena Botanicals, an organic farm and mail order business, in mid-coast Maine. I am urging you to support LD 1383. My grandfather was a WW 1 veteran, my father and uncle were WW II veterans, and a few of my family members who are still alive are Vietnam veterans. I am not a stranger to the scars left upon my family members who participated in the military, and how these scars are passed on to other family and community members.

As a Maine citizen, and citizen of the United States, I am heart-broken and outraged at the ongoing violations of human rights, including funding the weapons supporting the current Palestinian genocide and the horrific, inhumane detention centers US tax dollars fund. I am fully aware that divesting from corporations profiting from inhumane detention, apartheid, ethnic cleansing, genocide, and war crimes is consistent with Maine's Constitution. The state and pension fund portfolios invested in corporations that produce and sell weapons and technologies that violate human rights is indefensible. I urge you to support LD 1383.