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LD 1351

I am writing to oppose LD 1351 as it stands, since it would adopt the definition of antisemitism created by the IHRA (International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance). This definition includes as antisemitism criticism of the policies of the state of Israel. This is a dangerous threat to the freedom to speak against the policies of any government. Many Jews do not identify with or support the state of Israel themselves.

I urge that the Jerusalem Declaration on Antisemitism be adopted instead, as it clearly separates disparagement of Jews as a people or religion from criticism of the government of Israel.