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I am a Jewish resident of Maine who is deeply opposed to Israel's current war on Palestinians. I have read the IHRA definition of antisemitism, and I am concerned that it conflates antisemitism with criticism of Israel. As a Jewish person, I cannot stress enough how tired I am of people denying the existence of Jewish opposition to Israel and/or claiming that my own position is antisemitic. I care deeply about Jewish people, and I believe Israel's actions over the past year and a half have only further endangered Jewish people around the world. In a time in which free speech and the right to protest is under threat nationwide, I do not believe that Maine should adopt a definition of antisemitism which will make it easier to criminalize anti-genocide protesters.