

I am submitting this testimony in opposition of LD 1351 - - - An Act to Require Antisemitism to Be Considered as Motivation When Determining a Violation of a Criminal or Civil Law

Motivation is defined as the reason or reasons one has for acting or behaving in a particular way

The criticism of an apartheid racist regime that is orchestrating genocide & ethnic cleansing while using starvation as a tool of war is **NOT ANTISEMITISM**. This criticism of genocidal actions is **motivated** purely as a cry out to the greater populace pleading for compassion and empathy for a people of color who are defenseless against a military superpower. This superpower, Israel, is also using their financial superpower to coerce lawmakers by contributing huge sums to election campaigns, essentially buying votes and loyalty blinded by money and greed, the most sickening **motivation** existent.

There are political action committees, one being AIPAC, that have and are funded by the above apartheid racist regime and other white supremacists, that would like to have you think that criticism of their genocidal policies are antisemitic, **NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH.**

As an indigenous person, I know the difference between racism and the actions of others whose intentions are to wipe out an entire population of another indigenous group of individuals.

LD1351, if passed, would only weaken and erode our first amendment rights to free speech.

Do not pass LD1351, If you believe that this country should have a population that is free to express their views and practice freedoms embedded into our constitution without fear of retribution. This is good **motivation** for you all.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely

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