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LD 1351

Dear Maine Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary,

I am urging you to vote no on LD1351 and not adopt a dangerous definition of antisemitism. The IHRA definition of antisemitism conflates criticism of Israel and Zionism with antisemitism, which would greatly infringe on free speech and our collective ability to help hold governments like Israel accountable, a country that is committing war crimes of genocide against the Palestinian people according to the International Criminal Court and the United Nations.

The weaponization of antisemitism intensifies discrimination and exclusion of vulnerable communities in the U.S.—including Jews and others who speak out against the illegal actions of Israel's Zionist government.

The Trump administration and those who support supremacist ideologies are actively trying to suppress free speech and the peaceful right to protest and this attack on free speech should not be allowed in Maine.

Thank you,
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