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LD 1351

Judiciary Committee, Senators Anne Carney and Representative Amy Kuhn,

My name is Amelia Keleher and I reside at 22 Orange St in Portland. I hereby submit written 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.

As an advocate and someone concerned about the increasing infringement upon our freedom of speech rights, I urge you to protect the right of Maine residents to express themselves and stand up for what they believe in by voting NO on LD 1351.

I have attended numerous protests in Portland alongside trusted community leaders who believe that the harm Israel has caused in Palestine and to Palestinians is a blatant violation of human rights. We have watched as Israel has and continues to commit a genocide and countless war crimes against Palestinians. Speaking out against this should not be viewed as a crime. Instead, we should applaud our community members who are fighting tirelessly to put an end to the harm Israel is causing.

You have the opportunity to ensure that we, as residents of Maine, can continue to safely stand up for what's right. Please oppose LD 1351. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Amelia Keleher