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LD 1351

I am writing to oppose LD 1351. This bill would force Maine to adopt a definition of antisemitism that makes Jews less safe. Criticism of Israel and Zionism should not be conflated with anti-semitism. As an anti-Zionist Jew, I have seen the harm that comes from equating the two. Such a conflation causes the government (and general public) to overlook the suppression of free speech and to not hold governments (especially Israel) accountable for egregious violations of human rights. In turn, it only leads to increased anti-semitism.