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I write this as Jewish individual who is proud of my Jewish identity. This proposal, written by a non-Jew, defines Jewish identity as Zionism and Zionism as Judaism. What about Christian Zionists? What about American Jews who do not approve of the Zionist project? What about Jews who are Zionist but disavow the nearly 2 consecutive years of civilian killings in Gaza? This act, which self-righteously claims to be written in defense of the Jews, is antisemitic. It is antisemitic because it prevents the Jewish people from the right to self-determination. Even if a majority of Jews support Israel, that does not mean that every Jew is a Zionist. This kind of rhetoric endangers all Jews by making them a monolith to be moved around as a chess piece instead of a group of people with myriad beliefs. It fails to capture the range of opinions that Jewish individuals have on the state of Israel. If you want to support your Jewish citizens do not support this act.