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I OPPOSE this bill as a Jewish American and resident of Maine. This bill endangers free speech, as antisemitism has come to include opposition to the state of Israel in both the political world and mainstream media. One's opposition to the harmful policies of a nation state is not the same as discriminating against a group of people. In fact, conflating opposition to Israel with antisemitism has increased discrimination against Jews who practice their right to protest and free speech, has contributed to the rising popularity of fascism, thus deteriorating democracy, and pulls attention away from responding to the very real rising anti-semitism and discrimination of other minorities by white supremacists and christian nationalism.