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After the hearing, I received this email. I think it speaks to the way that AIPAC is lobbying well intended members of state governments across the country in an attempt to silence Dissent. The man who testified in favor of it said it was already adopted in 30 some odd states, proving their strategy to be successful. But they are not trying to address antisemitism. They are trying to make it illegal to speak out against genocide. You cannot allow that to happen. It is fundamentally on American and goes against the values Mainers hold dear.  
Thank you.

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Eli,

A few weeks ago, I stood on the floor of the Illinois House to say what too many politicians are afraid to admit: Our constitutional rights are under coordinated attack and the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) is not just silent, they're celebrating it.

Across this country, students speaking out against Israel's genocide in Gaza are being abducted by law enforcement. Immigrant students are being handed over to ICE, their futures destroyed for daring to stand up for justice. And the ADL, an organization that claims to fight hate, is working to legitimize this repression.

This isn't some fringe conspiracy. Internal ADL communications and investigative reporting have revealed surveillance, profiling, and collaboration between ADL and law enforcement against racial justice and Palestinian rights activists. From targeting the NAACP and ACLU to spying on progressive Jewish groups, the ADL has crossed every line of decency. And now, they've set their sights on student activists and our movement.

We cannot let the ADL and their far-right allies weaponize antisemitism to criminalize dissent, delegitimize Palestinian lives, and bulldoze the First Amendment.

Click here to watch my speech on the House floor, then chip in to help us hold these bad actors accountable and keep building our movement for truth, justice, and liberation.

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We've seen this before. The ADL has a long history of supporting apartheid, from spying for the South African regime to profiling U.S. civil rights leaders. They've labeled progressive Jewish groups antisemitic. They've promoted Islamophobic policing programs. And they've sold personal data on American activists to foreign governments.

Now they're laundering state repression under the guise of "combating hate."

Our movement is under attack, not just by MAGA extremists, but by institutions that pretend to stand for civil rights while actively suppressing them. From dragging activists through the mud to smearing their names online, and trying to wreck their futures. But we're not backing down.

We are shining a spotlight on the real threats to our democracy: mass surveillance, criminalization of protest, and the silencing of Palestinian voices in every institution from academia to the halls of Congress.

This fight is personal. It's principled. And it's only getting bigger. So I'm asking: Will you contribute today to fuel our movement for free speech, dignity, and justice?

Let's work together to protect our rights, defend our communities, and confront the institutions that enable repression.

-Abdelnasser

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