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Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee,

Please vote NO to LD1351. Conflating Zionism with Judaism is simply an organized effort to prevent folks from criticizing Israeli policy..especially its policy towards Palestinians. Should it ever be criminal to criticize a policy that results in 39,000 Palestinian children losing one or both parents?

Zionism is a political ideology that openly espouses the ethnic cleansing of Palestine to construct a greater Israel only for Jews. Judaism is a loving religion which teaches that human beings are responsible for the ethical behavior towards one another. There are many Jews who are not zionists and there are many zionists who are not Jews. Please do not support a bill that seeks to censor our free speech as we strive for a just and loving world.