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To whom it may concern: as a Jewish resident of Maine, I want to encourage the committee to look for other definitions of anti semitism before considering this law. In times such as these, when people's rightful anti-Zionist protests are endangering their welfare and safety in the United States, I think it is crucial that we not endanger the right to free speech, which includes to criticize states and their actions, regardless of the religious affiliations of those states. While I appreciate the committee's efforts to keep the Jewish population of Maine safe, I fear that, given a large number of anti-Zionist protestors and voices are Jewish themselves, this bill would be counterproductive to that aim.

Thank you for your time.