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LD 1351

I am writing to strongly oppose LD 1351 as an American Jew living in Portland, Maine. The IHRA's definition of antisemitism is dangerous to Jews and all Americans alike. The conflation of antisemitism with anti-Zionism is a dangerous disregard of First Amendment rights, and aligns itself with the fascistic policies of the Trump administration. During a time when free speech is severely threatened, and innocent Americans are being abducted for exercising their first amendment rights, we must protect free speech in our state as vehemently as possible. As a Jew, I know that speaking out against the government of Israel and their policies is not antisemitic, in fact, it is deeply ingrained in my Jewish ideals to speak out when people are being oppressed and murdered. We cannot let LD 1351 pass. Thank you.