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LD 1351

To the members of the Judiciary Committee,

As a Jewish resident of Maine, I oppose this bill LD 1351. The IHRA definition of antisemitism wrongly conflates criticism of the state of Israel with antisemitism. As a Jewish person, I know firsthand that antisemitism is real. But the criticism of the state of Israel is NOT the same as prejudice against Jewish people. Uplifting this false definition of antisemitism will only serve to impede free speech and restrict the ability of people in Maine (including the Jewish community) to speak out against abuses of power and hold governments including Israel accountable. I urge you to oppose this bill.