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Bill Information

Bill Number: HB 2299

Position: Opponent

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Written Testimony

I am writing in opposition to HB 2299, which if passed would require public schools across Kansas to adopt a definition of antisemitism that has been widely discredited and would empower the attorney general to bring civil charges against people who are accused of meeting that definition. This definition equates criticism of contemporary actions of the state of Israel with antisemitism, which could be used to target any who are critical of the state of Israel's military actions in Gaza. Further, the combination of the discredited definition of antisemitism with the line targeting people who "wear masks to conceal their identity" would effectively become a ban on medical masks when protesting the state of Israel's actions in Gaza. People should be able to protest safely, and for many of us that means being able to wear a mask to protect ourselves from respiratory illnesses.

Signature

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