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To: [House Education](#)
Subject: On behalf of the community...
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... we respectfully submit our RESOUNDING DISSENT to HB 2299 which would:

Criminalize criticism of a foreign state, israel, in complete contravention of the first Amendment.
Fine public institutions up to \$10,000 per violation for hosting events, discussions, or protests that challenge Israel's state policies-- again, limiting freedom of speech as well as of assembly
Target protestors who wear masks in public spaces, many of whom who many be a protected class because of an existing disability.
Censor Palestinian history and discussions in schools and universities by banning so-called "antisemitic content" in curricula which is a completely imbecilic action which wrongfully conflates anything related to Palestine as anti-semitic.
Give the Kansas Attorney General power to investigate and subpoena activists, educators, and student groups who speak out for Palestinian rights...a dangerous expansion of power, in addition to a waste of taxpayer money.

What an abhorrent exercise of oppressive power to silence anyone seeking to protect the rights of others, especially the rights of those who have been under a brutal military occupation for more than 76 years.

We would be happy to sit with any legislator or aide who would like to better understand the long struggle for Palestinian freedom, which hundreds of millions of people around the world, as well as hundreds of thousands within your own constituencies, have learned about and support.

In the meantime, we implore you to reject any legislation that will limit the ability of any person to discuss openly issues of critical importance to their values. We should be expanding democratic practice, not restraining it.

Therefore, on behalf of our community and our families, who are staunch advocates for the freedom, safety, and protection of ALL people, and who number in the many thousands, we ask that you not entertain such hateful and fear-mongering legislation.

Additionally, please send a link for one of our members to give testimony live on Tuesday during the hearing.

Regards,
Al Hadaf KC

We acknowledge that we occupy the land belonging to the great Očhéthi Šakówiŋ (Dakota, Lakota, & Nakota Tribes), Wahzhazhe (Osage), Washtáge Moⁿzháⁿ (Kaw), Jiwere (Otoe-Missouria), Kaskakahamwa (Kaskaskia) and Kiikaapoi (Kickapoo) nations, in a country built by the labor of enslaved and disenfranchised people, and we fight for the liberation of all oppressed and marginalized people, from Turtle Island to Palestine.



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