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Greetings legislators,

Regarding HB 2299, this bill seems redundant. Does the state not already protect all its citizens from religious discrimination in schools? Has there been some kind of glaring oversight where up until now Jewish students and staff have been excluded from the state's protection of religious freedom?

Passing this bill would seem to imply that the State of Kansas has up until now left Jewish citizens out of state protections. Alternately, it implies that Jewish citizens be afforded extra protections and special treatment.

Moreover, I am greatly concerned by the inclusion in this bill that targets people wearing masks.

Students and staff have legitimate health and safety reasons to wear masks. This bill seems to set a precedent that anyone wearing a mask might be accused of antisemitism. That is preposterous.

I urge you to vote down this redundant bill that gives special treatment to some while targeting others.

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