

TO: House Education Committee: h.education@house.ks.gov

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WRITTEN PUBLIC TESTIMONY (written only)

Bill Number: HB 2299

Position: Opponent

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Dear House Education Committee,

Please oppose HB2299. This bill would require public schools across Kansas, including some universities, to adopt a definition of antisemitism that has been widely discredited and in fact many view this definition itself as antisemitic. This definition has been discredited because it equates any criticism of the government of Israel with antisemitism. Of course, no government should be above criticism. Thus, adopting this bill will infringe on people's right to free speech and will paint people who are NOT antisemitic as antisemitic, and this is wrong.

Sincerely,

Lora Jost

Feb. 9, 2025