

Testimony Submission - Kansas House Bill 2299

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This bill is written under the guise of preventing discrimination, when actually, it encourages discrimination and threatens constitutional rights and civil liberties. This bill is a plain effort to curtail the outpour of free speech against the violent political ideology of zionism by falsely conflating anti-war protest with antisemitism. Violent political ideologies are not protected categories, and have no place at our institutions of learning. This bill also threatens civil penalties against people wearing masks, in effect excluding medically vulnerable people from safely exercising their first amendment rights. If passed, this creates a precedent of inaccessibility that undermines one of the greatest successes of former Senator Bob Dole's career – the Americans with Disabilities Act. This bill is both anti-American and antithetical to Kansas values.

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