

On behalf of Oberlin Students for a Free Palestine, we are adamantly against bill HB-476. It creates a stigma against the BDS movement, which is the cornerstone of our activism on campus. Not only is it a violation of our freedom of speech by preventing our right to dissent, it neglects the historic impact of boycott movements; whether it's the boycotting of the apartheid state in South Africa or the Montgomery Bus Boycott, these movements have brought human and civil rights violations to the forefront of our national agendas and political consciousness. Israel has committed countless documented war crimes and human rights violations against the Palestinian people, so this is our way, as American college students, to non-violently speak out against these atrocities.

Best,

Oberlin Students for a Free Palestine.