

Senator Frank LaRose, Chair, and Senator Stephanie Kunze, Vice Chair
The Ohio Senate Committee on Transportation, Commerce, and Workforce

Dear Senators,

I ask that you vote "No" on HCR 10 because it condemns the peaceful freedom to boycott and would thus crush our right to free speech guaranteed in the First--and most crucial--Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. HCR 10 would therefore violate your solemn Oath of Office "to support the Constitution of the United States...."

Why would you work with the foreign country of Israel to harm our own country and our precious liberties?

The phrasing of this resolution echoes anti-BDS laws introduced in state legislatures around the country, as well as in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. Was it written by the Israel lobby, whose American Israel Public Affairs Committee "is working...to craft legislation that counters the international effort to boycott, divest and sanction Israeli businesses"?

AIPAC and Israel's other lobbyists have refused to comply with the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 that requires them to register as agents of a foreign government and disclose all activities and money spent [<http://www.fara.gov/>]. It disobeys United Nations Security Council Resolution 242 on the "the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by war" and Article 49 of the Fourth Geneva Convention against transferring people into occupied lands.

Why would you support a foreign government that flouts U.S. as well as international law? I ask that you investigate these violations instead.

AIPAC has a history of flying U.S. elected representatives to Israel for all-expense-paid propaganda tours. How many of our Ohio representatives have accepted such free trips?

How much money has the government of Israel contributed to Ohio representatives through AIPAC or other groups?

I ask that all Ohio Senators disclose all money received from foreign lobbies before voting on this Resolution 10.

I respect all your conscientious work representing the citizens of Ohio and fervently hope that you will vote to preserve the

U.S. Constitution and its protections, rather than to obey the diktats of a foreign government.

Thank you very much for your
kind
attention to this vital matter.

Sincerely,
Susie Kneedler