

**SB 297 Proponent Testimony**  
**December 4, 2024**

Honorable members of the Ohio State Judiciary Committee,

My name is Gabriela Ilin, I am a Sophomore at Columbus Torah Academy and I live in Columbus Ohio and I support the passing of Ohio SB 297 because I believe that having a comprehensive definition of antisemitism is important.

Oftentimes, people, especially young adults, do not completely understand what different things mean, and use this misinformation in a harmful way. My Dad is a lecturer at The Ohio State University, and he has witnessed several anti-Israel protests, where supposedly college students were making harmful statements about the state of Israel in an inappropriate way that is not acceptable in any situation.

By clearly defining antisemitism in Senate Bill 297, everyone will be aware that actions like these protests are harmful and incite violence against Jews both in Israel and the United States.

I strongly support the passing of this bill to protect the lives of Jews moving forward, and I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Thank you,

Gabriela Ilin

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