

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

Chairman Manning, Vice Chair Reynolds, Ranking Member Hicks-Hudson, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to speak out in support of a law against antisemitism, which protects me and all other Jews in Ohio who are afraid for their lives because of antisemitism. All the time, especially now, there are many terrifying antisemitic events happening and they are progressively getting worse. I see it on the news, hear from my parents or friends, or even experience it personally. Coming home to see a newspaper on my dining room table with a giant picture of Nazi's rioting near my own home was terrifying. I have never felt that type of fear, and I never want to feel it again. This law that could be passed will help secure and protect the safety of the Jewish people, and ensure us freedom in the state of Ohio.

Thank you for taking this into account when making your decision!

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