

Chairman Manning, Vice Chair Reynolds, ranking member Hicks-Hudson, and members of the committee, my name is Naomi Wuliger and I live in Northeast Ohio. For centuries antisemitism has existed and grown, making its mark in every continent and hurting Jews across the globe. More recently, 6 million Jews were brutally murdered in one of the most infamous events in history known as the Holocaust during World War II. Since then, the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance has been created, a notable organization that has cultivated an appropriate definition of antisemitism. I strongly encourage the state of Ohio to adopt this definition, particularly because we are seeing antisemitism run rampant across communities in Ohio, emphasizing the need to have a concrete definition of antisemitism to not only identify acts of Jewish hatred but ensure its eradication in Ohio. As I prepare to go to college, I want to ensure I can have a safe, positive educational experience. With the passing of this bill, I feel confident that this can happen, and that I can feel secure when I go to school and protected from antisemitism. With that, I strongly urge you to pass SB297 to protect Jews like me across Ohio.