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Subject: BILL 168

Dear whomever this may concern,

As a young woman whos constantly felt the crushing weight of imperial western powers trying to erase her existence I write you this email in tears thinking about the potential bill 168 has to be weaponized against an already marginalized and tormented people. Palestinians globally, are the largest group of refugees and now face being silenced and potentially prosecuted by the government of Ontario, after the humiliation and degradation and rejection they faced in their country.

Bill 168's definition of antisemitism basically equates all legitimate criticism of Israel as antisemitic rhetoric. Therefore BILL 168 serves only to silence Palestinians not protect the Jewish community. While antisemitism is no doubt an issue, Isreal does not represent the Jewish community and there are Jewish people who do not support the illegal state. The UN has declared Israel an illegal settlement and apartheid state. Additionally the majority of Canadians want the international criminal court to investigate the war crimes committed in Isreal, 74% of Canadians do not support the annexation. Passing that bill would be limiting the free speech and opinions of the majority of Canadian citizens.
Please, please do not pass bill 168