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Cc: Teng, Deborah
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Bill or item of business: **Bill 168, Combating Antisemitism Act, 2020**

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I am submitting material as an individual

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I am writing to ask you to vote against Bill 168: the Combating Antisemitism

Act. If passed, this bill could have grave consequences for freedom of

expression and human rights advocacy in Ontario.

As an individual who values

justice, human rights, and freedom of expression, I am concerned that the

IHRA definition will be used to suppress Charter-protected political speech,

specifically related to legitimate criticism of the state of Israel.

Israel's record of racial discrimination is well documented by mainstream

human rights organizations, including Amnesty International and Human Rights

Watch. Yet Bill 168 would effectively label these organizations as

antisemitic.

Please take a stand against antisemitism, but also support

freedom of expression and a commitment to Palestinian human rights. I urge

you to vote against Bill 168 entirely

Would you like to add any other information?

Do the right thing - protect freedom of

expression and human rights advocacy in Ontario.