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Subject: URGENT: Oppose Bill 168

Dear Standing Committee on Justice Policy Member,

I am writing this urgent letter to you calling on you to vote against 'Bill 168: the Combating Antisemitism Act'. If passed, this bill could have serious consequences for freedom of expression and human rights advocacy in Ontario.

I'm the daughter of two Holocaust survivors. You can't tell me what anti-semitism is! But I can tell you what it isn't: criticism of a country that has oppressed in the most cruel and incredibly hypocritical way an entire people, a country that itself was formed, though illegally, on the premise that it was saving another people from oppression.

To apply the label of hate crime to the criticism of a state is absurd, but more importantly, a complete distortion of the need to protect people from hate.

Do not let this bill go through! It is a travesty against free speech, common sense and decency.

Sincerely,
Vera Szoke, Toronto