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Subject: Fw: URGENT: Email and Call to Block Bill-168

This is an URGENT message and we need the help of every supporter and community member.

Bill-168 (IHRA) can criminalize advocacy for Palestine and is headed to the Standing Committee on Justice Policy. **The bill will be discussed and debated today (Oct 22).** The Committee could decide whether the bill should proceed to a third reading, where it could likely pass as Ontario legislature!

Bill-168 is supposedly intended to combat antisemitism by adopting the International Holocaust Remembrance Association (IHRA) working definition. However, it violates our freedoms of expression in its attempts to conflate antisemitism with anti-Zionism. We reject all forms of hatred, bigotry, and discrimination which means we also refuse discrimination against us as Arabs, Palestinians and the silencing of our voices.

Yours,

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