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The Honorable Bernie Sanders  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Health,  
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Washington, DC 20510

April 29, 2025

Dear Chairman Cassidy, Ranking Member Sanders, and Members of the Committee,

This week, the Senate Health, Education, Labor & Pensions (HELP) Committee is scheduled to mark up two critical bipartisan bills: the Antisemitism Awareness Act (S.558) and the Protecting Students on Campus Act of 2025 (S.163).

We urge you to **VOTE YES** on both pieces of legislation.

Antisemitism on college and university campuses has reached crisis levels. In 2024, ADL recorded nearly 1,700 antisemitic incidents on college campuses nationwide—an 84% increase over the previous year. Nearly half of Jewish students report hiding aspects of their identity, while many have been denied access to parts of campus or made to fear for their personal safety simply because they are Jewish.

**The Antisemitism Awareness Act** makes permanent the existing policy of both the Trump and Biden Administrations by reaffirming that Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 protects Jewish students from discrimination based on real or perceived shared ancestry or ethnic characteristics, and by directing the Department of Education to consider the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism—including its 11 examples—when evaluating the antisemitic intent behind campus incidents.

The IHRA Working Definition is globally recognized as the preeminent definition of antisemitism, and is used by more than 40 countries, more than 35 U.S. states, and administrations from both parties. The IHRA Working Definition offers a clear and consistent framework to help identify antisemitic bias in cases of campus harassment and discrimination.

**The Protecting Students on Campus Act of 2025** addresses a critical gap in awareness and data collection related to Title VI protections. Many students remain unaware of their rights or how to report violations. This legislation requires institutions to actively inform students of their rights under Title VI and provides clear information on how to report incidents.

We urge you to **VOTE YES** on both the Antisemitism Awareness Act and the Protecting Students on Campus Act of 2025.

Sincerely,



Max Sevilla  
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