

Dear Senator or Representative,

As a resident of X, I write to you to share my grave concern about rising antisemitism in our state.

In 2014, our state saw the tragic effects of antisemitism, when a white supremacist killed three people in an attack on the Jewish community in Overland Park. In the years since, antisemitism has continued to rise in the United States. Despite constituting only 2% of the American population, hate crimes against Jews make up 57.5% of all religiously based hate crimes in this country. One in every four American Jews reports being the victim of antisemitism over the past year.

This problem is one that education and smart policy can help alleviate. Therefore, I am asking you to support HCR 5030, adopting the [International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance \(IHRA\) Working Definition of Antisemitism](#) as an educational tool to train educators, law enforcement agents, and civil society writ large on what antisemitism is (and what it is not) and how it manifests in our society today. If we can define it, we'll be able to more effectively fight it.

This is the international and Jewish communities' authoritative definition of antisemitism. It has been endorsed by dozens of governments around the world; by multilateral organizations such as the European Parliament and the Organization of American States (OAS); and is in use by the U.S. Departments of State, Justice, and Education.

I would welcome the opportunity to speak with you further about this issue, or connect you to the Jewish Community Relations Bureau|AJC, which represents the Jewish communities of Kansas in matters of public policy. They would be happy to provide you with additional resources outlining the utility of the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism and other ways to address antisemitism in our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration in supporting the Jewish community in the fight against antisemitism and intolerance in American society.

Best,