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**TESTIMONY ON HB#/0071 - POSITION: FAVORABLE**  
**Education - Holocaust Education Assistance Grant Program - Established**

**TO:** Chair Atterbeary, Vice Chair Wilkins, and members of the Ways and Means Committee

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**My name is Richard Keith Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB#/0071, Education - Holocaust Education Assistance Grant Program - Established**

The United Nations agency for Education, Science, Culture, Communication and Information (UNESCO) has studied the need for Holocaust education programs. They have documented why it should occur and the importance of that education.

<https://www.unesco.org/en/articles/importance-teaching-and-learning-about-holocaust>

In a time where antisemitism is at critically high levels The Anti-Discrimination League has reported over 3,200 incidents since the start of the Israel-Hamas War. It is incumbent on us to provide education about how antisemitism lead to the holocaust if we want to begin to combat this outbreak of hate.

The importance of teaching what hate can lead to can help students begin to feel empathy and compassion as they better understand the history behind the hate. **I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HB#/0071.**