

Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, Members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee:

We are Jewish on Campus, a student-powered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization combating campus antisemitism nationwide. For nearly six years, we've served as the leading voice for Gen-Z Jews in the United States, advocating for Jewish students on all levels, from the campus quad to Capitol Hill.

Jewish on Campus strongly urges you to support *SB 316: Title VI Coordinators at Maryland Universities*.

A survey from the Anti-Defamation League, Hillel International, and College Pulse found that 83% of Jewish college students have experienced or witnessed antisemitism on campus since October 7th, 2023. While Jewish students have reported rising incidents of antisemitism on campus, they lack a clear and efficient process to access support from university administrations. SB 316 requires all Maryland colleges and universities to designate a Title VI coordinator, ensuring compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits race, color, and national origin discrimination in federally funded programs.

Since 2020, Jewish on Campus has filed five Title VI complaints with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights. Representing Jewish students across the country, we recognize the urgent need to ensure consistent enforcement of federal protections under Title VI nationwide.

SB 316 provides a clear contact for Maryland students experiencing national origin discrimination, including antisemitism. If passed, Maryland would become a leading state ensuring university administrations are held accountable for providing a safe and inclusive environment for all students on campus.

Thank you for your consideration of the views of Jewish on Campus.

Sincerely,
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