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The elegance of the solution is two-fold: 1) we avoid debate over “what is anti-Semitism” by relying on the world’s most recognized definition. 2) We leverage decades of legal precedent in limiting racist speech, groups on campus, acts by faculty and administrators, etc. and simply apply it to anti-Semitism. It is difficult to say that anti-Semitism should be treated differently than racism.

If you have any questions about the legislation, I’d be happy to speak with you; my office numbers are below.

In addition, Joe Sabag at the Israeli-American Coalition for Action was instrumental in providing outside support as I pushed the bill and I would highly recommend anyone considering such an effort speak with him. His email address is above.

Have a great rest of your weekend,

--Randy

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Thank you Randy!

Friends: As we saw in FL and South Carolina, this bill requires a lot of resourcing in order to achieve a clean passage.

My legal team has now taken Randy's bill and refined it into a model that can be brought elsewhere. ***I urge you to please contact me or Rep. Alan Clemmons and take advantage of our policy support if you are considering filing a bill.*** We are here to serve.

-Joe Sabag

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