

CALL TO ACTION

TOOLKIT: CALL KEY ASSEMBLY LEADERS TO SAY NO IHRA IN NJ



**Join us to say #NoIHRANJ this Thursday July 24, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
NJ Statehouse, 125 WEST STATE STREET IN TRENTON**

Date: July 20, 2025




This toolkit will guide you through making impactful phone calls to key members of the New Jersey Assembly in opposition to the harmful IHRA bill - A3558. Your calls are critical for defending free speech, standing against anti-Palestinian racism, and demanding that our legislature prioritize protections for vulnerable communities—not political censorship.

Your testimony is KEY for protecting free speech and advocating for inclusive, transparent legislation.

CALL TO ACTION: Contact These Key Legislators Today

We must act now to **stop A3558** from moving forward in the Assembly.

Call these three leaders directly and demand they stop this harmful bill:

1. **Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin**
 **(732) 855-7441**
2. **Chair of the Assembly State and Local Government Committee – Assemblyman Robert J. Karabinchak**
 **(732) 548-1406**
3. **Vice Chair – Assemblywoman Lisa Swain**
 **(201)576-9199**

What's Happening?

The IHRA definition of antisemitism—a **dangerous and deeply flawed political tool used to silence advocacy for Palestine**—is **once again up for a special hearing** in the New Jersey Assembly.

Instead of advancing urgent, community-backed legislation like the **Immigrant Trust Act**, which would protect immigrant families from ICE collaboration, our legislature is choosing to prioritize a bill that has already been used to **criminalize protest, shut down student activism, and suppress free speech** in New Jersey.

Let's be clear: the IHRA definition is not about stopping antisemitism—it's about suppressing criticism of Israel. Seven of its eleven examples specifically target speech critical of Israel, which the ACLU of NJ has warned poses a direct threat to First Amendment rights.

Call Script

Hello, my name is [*YOUR NAME*], and I'm a New Jersey resident calling to urge you to oppose A3558 and cancel the special hearing on the IHRA definition of antisemitism this Thursday, July 24.

This definition has already been used in New Jersey to silence Palestinian advocacy, including student walkouts and peaceful protest. It has no place in state law.

Pushing this bill during a summer recess in a special hearing—while bills like the Immigrant Trust Act remain stalled—sends a clear message that the state prioritizes silencing dissent over protecting vulnerable communities.

New Jersey already has strong laws against discrimination. We don't need legislation that selectively shields political speech about Israel.

I ask you to stop this harmful bill and stand for free speech and true community safety. Thank you.

Next Steps

- **Make your calls today!** Each one takes less than 2 minutes—but makes a huge impact.
- **Share this toolkit** with your friends, family, and community groups.
- **Engage on Social Media:** Post about IHRA, share this tool kit and AMP NJ Resources!

- **Attend the Hearing:** If possible, attend the hearing in person or watch the live stream to demonstrate your commitment to this issue.

Let's be clear: **this isn't just about one bill—it's about what kind of New Jersey we want to live in.** A3558 protects no one and harms many. We can—and must—demand better from our state legislature.

Together, we can stop this bill and make sure our communities are protected and heard.

In Solidarity,

American Muslims for Palestine – New Jersey