

While listening to the October 4, 2023 meeting, I heard a consistent concern raised by the Jewish community regarding the changes to Paragraph B in Act I. While I understand the concern and optics of removing specific reference to Judaism from the current language, I fully agree with and support the working group's revisions which remove a laundry list that may unintentionally limit or narrow the definition of discrimination. However, given the historic nature of persecution and pogroms aimed at Jewish communities around the world, I think including a phrase like ". . . including, but not limited to those of Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Hindi, or Sikh faith . . ." might help alleviate the concern that the Jewish community is being pushed aside while also ensuring that no group facing discrimination is being excluded from protection under this Act.

Thank you

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