



HB 3967 Anti-BDS BILL

FACT SHEET

HB 3967 Prevents public entities from entering into a contract with Oklahoma businesses unless they certify in writing they are not going to boycott Israel or its territories.

WHY YOU SHOULD VOTE *NO*

1. The State cannot put conditions on public contracts that require a written allegiance to another specific country.
 - a. What if this bill said to pledge not to boycott Saudi Arabia before the State enters into contract?
2. In 1982, the Supreme Court ruled in NAACP v Clairborne Hardware Co. that boycotts are a form of constitutionally protected speech, even if they do cause economic damage.
3. Why is Oklahoma in the business of protecting foreign nations when our main priority should be Oklahomans?
4. Oklahomans can protest human rights violations in other nations without attacking entire groups of people, just as consumers around the world did against the apartheid state in South Africa.
5. **This bill is not about the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict. It is an attempt to stifle free speech in our communities.**

WHAT IS BDS?

BDS = BOYCOTT, DIVESTMENTS, SANCTIONS

MOVEMENT'S GOALS

1. Full equality for Palestinian citizens of Israel
2. UN-stipulated right of Palestinian refugees to return to their homeland

OTHER SUCCESSFUL BOYCOTTS:

- Boston Tea Party
- Montgomery Bus Boycott
- “Buy-American” movement

