Hi everyone. As you’ve heard tonight, this divestment resolution is anti-Semitic and I will tell you why. I hope we all agree on the fact that every minority group has the right to determine what hate against them is.

This divestment resolution singles out Israel and only Israel as a violator of human rights. I have visited both Israel and the Palestinian authority and I wish for nothing more than peace in the region for all that are negatively impacted by this incredibly complex conflict. But one thing is certain - we should not be importing this conflict to our campus. If both groups here truly want peace in the region, for Palestinians and Israelis, then this resolution is clearly not the way to accomplish that.

When SJP says they are organizing for BDS, which they did in their January 2019 Facebook event, we should believe them. And make no mistake – this legislation is a part of that movement.

The chant that embodies this legislation “From the River to the sea, Palestine must be free” – from the Jordan river, to the Mediterranean Sea, Jews should be extinguished from the land. This inherent anti-Semitism and senseless hatred against the Jewish people is something that many Jewish gauchos have felt here, and have told you tonight they feel this resolution is continuing to express. I urge you to vote against this resolution tonight. If you truly want to support both groups in the region, both Palestinian and Israeli gauchos as well as members of the Jewish community, we should be supporting peace in the region rather than this symbolic anti-Semitic resolution.