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Berkeley Hillel, an organization committed to fostering a climate where students at Cal can create a deep, meaningful and committed relationship to Israel, is grateful for the sustained veto of bill SB118a by Will Smelko president of the student senate. The bill was out of step with the Middle East itself: At a time when Arab and Muslim nations are doing business with Israel, this measure would increase Israel's isolation regionally and globally.

In order to defeat this bill there were countless student activists at the University of California at Berkeley that worked tirelessly and showed tremendous leadership. It was their passion and commitment that led to this victory.

Berkeley Hillel is grateful to the Bay Area Jewish community for their constant partnership and support of the students in their effort to show the ASUC the polarizing and unfair nature of this bill.

Berkeley Hillel looks forward to continuing to work with the ASUC and all student groups to bring this campus together around Berkeley's values of mutual respect, free inquiry and the pursuit of harmony on campus and around the world. Berkeley has been, and will always be, a leader in promoting tolerance on campus and peace around the world.