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I am writing to strongly oppose this bill, which seeks to dangerously expand the definition of "terrorism." Exercising First Amendment rights—protesting, speaking out against war, genocide, oppression, and cyber trucks in defense of human rights—does not make someone a terrorist. Labeling individuals like Mahmoud Khalil as "terrorists" is not only unjust but also profoundly un-American. This legislation will only serve to further marginalize vulnerable communities, subjecting them to increased surveillance, harassment, and even detention. Such an abuse of power threatens the very principles of democracy and civil liberties.