

Submitter: Oriol Zemko

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2458

I am a Family Nurse Practitioner primary care provider, working extensively with LGBTQ patients. There's nothing wrong with our LGBTQ community members that wasn't created by the stress of living in an oppressive society.

So-called conversion "therapy" is a barbaric, outdated, and scientifically illegitimate concept and should never have been legal, anywhere, any time. Those who practice it should immediately have any healthcare licenses revoked, stand trial for child abuse as applicable, and should undergo extensive rehabilitative training and psychotherapy. At best, they aren't familiar with evidence based best practices or professional practice guidelines and have been swayed by cult-level radical ideologic zealots. At worst, they are knowingly and willfully practicing torture in an attempt to soothe their own misguided misanthropy and sexual or identity confusion.

Pretending to practice healthcare under the guise of radical religious ideology is criminal and inexcusable and puts the entire community at risk.

Banning conversion therapy is not only an obvious and correct action for this state, it is a pathetic bare minimum. Support HB2458 and hold professional practice boards accountable for granting licenses to individuals engaging in hate crime torture.