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I'm a queer freelance artist living in Portland Oregon. My partner is a trans non-binary Counselor of Queer and Trans youth, and a huge percentage of my friends and loved ones fall somewhere on the LGBTQIA+ spectrum. I can say with absolute certainty that conversion therapy is morally reprehensible. A barbaric, outdated, and scientifically illegitimate concept that should have never been legal anywhere at anytime. The absurdity of masquerading as a healthcare professional while obliterating a persons self worth by gaslighting them into thinking that their expression in this world is wrong, and should conform to some arbitrary man made rubric of what is correct sickens me. This abhorrent form of "therapy" is nothing but another form of abuse. Banning this disgusting practice is a first and obvious step towards making things right. The absolute bare minimum that we owe to the queer community.