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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2458

I am Licensed Professional Counselor Associate working with queer and trans individuals in Oregon. Through my work supporting clients seeking legitimate professional therapy services I have been directly witness to the deeply harmful and long-lasting negative, and sometimes tragically fatal, impacts of non-scientifically tested practices employed via conversion “therapy.” The harmful and impacts span from individual clients to families and communities through proven negative health and mental health outcomes including substance misuse and suicide. As an individual dedicating my life toward furthering the evidence-based standards of competent client care, it is my duty and role to advocate for client safety and well-being by supporting this bill and demanding we protect individuals seeking professional help from these non-legitimate and proven harmful tactics and the “professionals” who further them.

Please support the passage of HB 2458.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andréa L. Tyler". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text of the letter.