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I fully support legislation to prohibit the archaic and inhumane practice of conversion therapy by mental health professionals and all health-related professionals. There is no empirical data supporting conversion therapy, in fact research has shown time and again that victims of this type of abuse disguised as therapy increases mental illnesses such as depression and anxiety, higher rates of substance use and suicidality.

Not only is conversion therapy not useful, it is actively harmful to the LGBTQIA+ community, particularly children. Please support HB2458 in order to allow residents of our beautiful state to be protected from this unconscionable practice.

Thank you,
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