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On Behalf Of:

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I am writing as someone who is a member of the LGBTQIA+ Community. I am in support of this legislation on the grounds that the practice has been found extremely harmful to the mental wellbeing of young people across the United States. This unethical practice of unlicensed mental health providers that invalidate their client's sense of self and push them to be something they are not has led to mental health issues such as CPTSD, Depression, Anxiety, and Suicidal tendencies. Studies show people who have undergone Conversion Therapy are almost twice as likely to attempt suicide (UCLA Williams Institute <https://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/press/lgb-suicide-ct-press-release/>).

Please consider this as testimony as a factor and support the legislation.