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On Behalf Of:

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I am a therapist (Licensed Professional Counselor) working with queer and trans individuals in Portland. I have seen firsthand the impacts of shame, traumatization, and loss of sense of self as a result of conversion therapy practices. Allowing the practice of conversion therapy in Oregon causes real and lasting harm to both the queer community and their allies and can undermine the public's belief in mental health services and mental health providers.

The American Psychological Association (<https://www.apadivisions.org/division-44/resources/conversion-fact-sheet.pdf>) and the American Counseling Association (https://www.counseling.org/docs/default-source/resolutions/reparative-therapy-resolution-letter--final.pdf?sfvrsn=d7ad512c_4) both oppose this practice as harmful, unethical, and discriminatory.

Please support the passage of HB 2458.