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As a Recovery Specialist for a crisis and treatment center in Portland, OR I work people from the LGBTQ+ community. Healing from the trauma of programs like conversion therapy adds another painful layer to behavioral health recovery. These individuals already face so much adversity in their everyday lives. Banning conversion therapy would be a huge step forward for Oregon in preventing further trauma for the LGBTQ+ community. These programs are contradictory in nature to the ethical codes put forth by the National Association of Social Workers, which as a social worker, I must abide by. For these reasons, and a myriad more I support the passing of HB2458.