

Submitter: Owen Wardrop

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2458

Dear House Committee on Behavioral Health,

My name is Owen Wardrop and I am a clinical social work associate providing therapy to many many queer people in the city of Portland. It is extremely important that HB 2458 is passed. Conversion therapy in all forms is harmful to individuals, families, and entire communities of people. It is not evidence based mental health care, and there is no practice that can ethically change a person's sexuality or gender.

I and all of the other mental health professionals I associate with are against conversion therapy, and the state should do everything in its power to ban the horrific practice. An all out BAN is necessary.

Thank you,

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