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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: HB2458

As someone who has questioned his sexuality, I oppose this bill.

HB 2458 goes too far, creating very real barriers to mental and emotional health care for conservative families and people of faith by terming everything other than LGBT affirmation “conversion therapy.”

If this bill becomes law, an adult seeking to understand their gender dysphoria through Gender Exploratory Therapy will have to cross state lines to seek care.

If this bill becomes law, an adult victim of sexual assault who is confused about her orientation will have to cross state lines to speak to a non-biased therapist.

If this bill becomes law, an adult muslim man will have to cross state lines to find faith-based counseling to resolve his unwanted sexual fetish.

All people deserve access to mental healthcare. Internalized pain and shame increase suicidality. This bill limits options and is not good for Oregon.