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On Behalf Of: Every LGBT person worldwide

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2458

I am committed fully to supporting HB2458. Conversion therapy violates the very nature of counseling in that it actively harms every patient undergoing it. It's comparable to a lobotomy or electro -shock therapy. It's inhumane and unethical. Conversion therapy predicated on an already disadvantaged group, who have historically faced negative mental health from lack of familial support, abuse in and out of the home, and societal oppression. To be completely blunt about this: conversion therapy is a weapon of genocide that seeks for humans to repress their entire self, or kill themselves if they don't. The entire goal is to eliminate LGBT+ folks; it is a professionally sanctioned act of encouraging suicide. I do not understand how we could allow such a horrific practice to be codified in law, and I hope with my entire soul we can move away from the shame of inflicting it. Enough people have died by the design of the United States government, we cannot let it happen more.