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On Behalf Of: LGBTIA Community

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As a member of the LGBT community, I am in support of HB2458.

We cannot ignore that Conversion Therapy is an unethical and inhumane practice. These attempts to force people to hide who they are results in suicide, depression, and other negative mental health effects. What our community needs is positive mental health through self-love, self-care, and community support. There is already so much negativity from the media and society that we receive for just being ourselves. Many of us are also the target of religious intolerance and familial pressures.

Everyone should have the freedom to be who they are and live happily for their whole lives.

I ask everyone to care for this community and ban Conversion Therapy practices. I hope that Oregon will care and help save the lives of LGBTIA+ individuals.