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I am a licensed professional counselor in the state of Pennsylvania and I am writing to testify that all of our professional organizations the ACA and APA have come out in opposition to conversion therapy as it is detrimental to our clients well being this is especially true for our younger lgbtqia identifying patients who are more likely to harm or even kill themselves due to this harmful practice. Our oath and ethics say we should do no harm and in keeping with those paths and ethics conversion therapy should not be allowed in any capacity by any practitioner. We must do all we can to protect all marginalized people but especially our youth from harmful discriminatory practices such as conversion therapy

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony

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