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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: HB2458

I am writing in support of HB2458, which very clearly delineates what is and what is not conversion therapy, and rightfully and ethically prohibits practitioners from imposing non-clinical perspectives on sexual preference and gender identity.

Conversion therapy is NOT an evidence-based practice, in fact there is plenty of research that indicates it is harmful:

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/conversiontherapy.pdf>.

Conversion therapy is not supported by the National Alliance on Mental Illness, nor is it supported by the American Psychological Association.

Conversion therapy is isolating and damaging to sense of self.