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I am an Art Therapist working with queer and trans individuals in Portland, Oregon. Conversion therapy has created an accumulation of deeply rooted hurts that continue to negatively impact the queer and trans community. The intergenerational pain and trauma that conversion therapy has sustained will take generations to address and heal. There is nothing therapeutic about denying a person their sense of self and what creates feelings of love and connection for them.

Please support the passage of HB 2458.