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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2458

As a Licensed Professional Counselor and Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor in Oregon, I am in full support of HB2458.

I use evidenced based practice in my clinical approach, and anybody trained from an evidenced based perspective knows that Conversion "therapy" increases the risk of harm and suicide in LGBTQIA+ communities. Best practices in counseling requires providers to avoid harm to clients and an obligation to act within our ability to prevent increasing their risk for suicide. By supporting this bill I am upholding my ethical and moral obligation to protect the LGBTQIA+ community from this outdated, mis-informed, and dangerous practice.

I support HB2458.