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Members of the House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care,

I am a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) and Licensed and nationally Board-Certified Art Therapist (LCAT, ATR-BC) with 25 years of experience. I've worked in a range of treatment settings, including Headstart preschools, family community mental health outpatient clinics, an emergency department, and currently, private practice.

I am writing to urge you to pass this bill to protect the public from conversion therapy and its ill effects. Conversion therapy is not evidence based, does not align with contemporary science, nor is it a standard of care in the behavioral health field.

Please pass this bill. Thank you for considering my words.

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