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I support HB2458 which bans the practice of “conversion therapy” by mental health care professionals. A mental health counselor friend of mine who lives and practices in Oregon alerted me to this bill, as I’m not a resident of Oregon. I work as a psychotherapist in Illinois. My understanding is that no associations connected with licensed clinical therapists, like the American Psychological Association and the National Association of Social Workers, supports the use of conversion therapy. The opposite is the case: these associations realize the harm that is caused by a “therapy” that attempts to change people’s sexual orientation and expression. Such a “therapy” shames people rather than support their well being.

Please support the passage of HB2458

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