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Dear Committee members I am writing to you today in support of HB2458. I am a non-binary person who has a loving community of LGBTQ+ folks. Some have been forced to go through conversion therapy and are still recovering from the trauma, which will be apart of many lives as PTSD. We forget that children are still human beings, with autonomous thoughts and feelings. Many LGBTQ individuals who have to hide their gender identity end up self-harming and attempting to take their life, many succeed. I am tired of watching my community die. Conversion therapy does nothing but try to erase people in our community to conform for other peoples comfort. We deserve to age with love and dignity. We deserve to live just like everyone else. I want to see youth have the freedom to explore and question who they are, what they feel and find themselves.