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I support legislation to prohibit practice of conversion therapy by mental health professionals and all health-related professionals. Conversion therapy is archaic and extremely harmful treatment grounded in prejudice and hatred towards the LGBTQ+ community. Extensive studies have shown that survivors of conversion therapy, particularly children and adolescents, become more vulnerable to depression, substance abuse, and suicide. This form of "treatment" has no place in a field that should be focused on healing (not perpetuating) individual and collective trauma.