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Conversion “therapy” is abusive, coercive, and is not HEALTHCARE. Research shows that those subjected to conversion therapy experience significantly higher rates of depression, anxiety, and suicidality.

I believe that every single human being deserves access to ethical, evidence-based healthcare. I believe in the separation of church and state: No therapist or counselor who is *licensed by the state* should be allowed to blatantly use a fundamentalist religious agenda to shame people for who they are or who they love.

I support the bill to ban conversion therapy in Oregon.