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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2458

Dear Oregon Legislators,

Please vote "no" on HB 2458

As an Oregon resident, Social work therapist, Parent, and Human, I strongly support the END to the barbaric and bullying practice of conversion therapy.

Therapy is a safe and non-biased practice to help the client.

Ethical therapists hold space for their clients by neither confirming nor denying their presenting ideas about themselves. The trained therapist help their clients explore their gender, sexuality, and any distress without imposing a specific viewpoint.

Conversion therapy is harmful and it needs to be ban because it harms a person's psychological well-being, creates attachment injury, and causes long lasting mental and emotional trauma.

Conversion therapy is not a healing modality but instead it inflicts harm that lasts for many years that requires professional support for repair and recovery. Conversion therapy only serves to torture vulnerable people who are merely not straight or cisgender. Do not allow this torturing to continue.

I strongly support the end of this extremely harmful and traumatizing practice.
I support banning the unethical practices of conversion therapy for ALL in Oregon.
I strongly believe that we MUST be called to end this practice.

Please vote "no" on HB 2458

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