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I am in support of banning conversion therapy in Oregon. I am a bisexual cis woman. I grew up in fear of falling in love with and marrying a woman as I knew my family would disown me. I never came out as bisexual to my parents. I am grateful I never had to endure conversion therapy. It would have been damaging to my development. Conversion therapy is harmful for minors who are already living in fear. It is not restorative. It is a tool for religious fascism which states there is only one acceptable way to live your life according to god. Children and people of all ages should be able to live without fear of being sent away to "cure" them of supposed sexual sin.

Conversion therapy harms children and has no place in Oregon.

Thank you for your time.