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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2458

My name is Alycia Smith. I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, and I own a group practice in Gresham and Troutdale, Oregon. I have been a therapist for nearly 9 years and I've owned my practice for half of that time. A focus in our practice is serving members of the LGBTQIA+ community, both youth and adults.

I am writing to ask you to pass HB 2458.

Conversion therapy harms those who we, as professionals, are intended to support and leaves a wake of shame in the lives of those impacted. Banning conversion therapy in our state is a powerful and crucial step toward protecting and affirming our LGBTQIA+ community members. I submit my support of this bill as both a trained mental health professional and as a queer person myself. Thank you for supporting and passing HB 2458.