Submitter: Lael Petersen

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2458

The problem with Conversion Therapy is that it imposes a false identity on someone that is not an authentic expression of their deepest self. Conversion therapy is driven by religious and societal norms that do not support true expression of oneself. Conversion therapy is outdated and has long term negative consequences.

Both the American Psychological Association and the American Counseling Association agree that Conversion Therapy is both ineffective and abusive.

Lael Petersen, LCSW