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As a mental health therapist, I fully support this measure to ban conversion therapy. Conversion therapy should have never been a "treatment" and is an ongoing systemic issue of demonizing others that are "different" from you. I firmly believe this hatred and torturous "treatment" is based in toxic religion. Queer people already have to deal with all sorts of discrimination, lack of safety, persecution, harassment and fear for just existing. Conversion therapy does nothing but traumatize people or drive them to die by suicide. And I am extremely concerned that any mental health provider could be in support of conversion therapy. It is archaic and utterly damaging. I am relieved Oregon is finally ready to ban it. It is about time!