

Submitter: Miranda May

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2458

Mental health providers and parents are inherently in a position of authority when engaging with a child, whether we want to be or not. We know that LGBTQ sexual orientations and gender identities are not choices, any more than a straight or cis person chooses that path. What is a choice is whether we want to live in a society that allows people to explore their sexual and gender identity. What is a choice is whether we as a society will condone people in authority positions telling a child that they are broken.

If an adult wants to undergo conversion therapy then so be it, but don't do that to a child.