

Dear Chair and members of the Human Services Committee,

My testimony is in opposition to House Bill 1332. I ask that you give this bill a Do Not Pass.

I believe this bill is an unnecessary overstep of individual freedoms and right to free expression. Gender conversion therapy is pseudo-scientific; I defer to medical and psychiatric testimony for further explanation to the committee.

House Bill 1332 potentially opens up a pandora's box of harm to valued and important members of our state. It further denigrates and assumes by its nature that there is something medically and or psychiatrically problematic with the 'patient's' sexuality or perception of self.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my position. Thank you also for your generous and dedicated service to our great state.

Best Regard,

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