

Dear Chair Weisz and members of the House Human Services Committee,

My testimony is in strict opposition to House Bill 1332. I beg you give this bill a Do Not Pass. This bill wants to establish practice of a harmful and completely horrific 'therapy' that is akin to torture. Conversion therapy has been discredited by basically every major credible mental health organization. It is blatant child abuse and comes from a harmful place of thinking that trans/sexuality is a disease or mental defect that can be fixed. I hear the word 'grooming' thrown around whenever extreme-conservatives speak about LGBTQ (because they see it as an easy way to villainize the community and make their self imposed crusade sound less like oppression and more about a noble cause) But conversion therapy, THAT is grooming. And it doesn't work, It convinces the individual they are broken and unfixable and increases suicide depression and self harm in those forced to endure it. It is Pseudoscience and a falsehood born from the idea that homosexuality and anything akin to it is an issue in need of solving. You absolutely must do everything to ensure this and all its other hate/fear mongering bills never reach our constitutions or laws, vote against it. 1 discrimination bill is a problem, 2 is a dangerous trend, 10 is a cancerous growth, and how many they are trying to pass... is nightmarish beyond words. Surely you can see it too.

-Nate Brown