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DO NOT PASS HB 1430:

Chairman Ruby and members of the House Human Services Committee:

I am writing to testify to my opposition to HB 1430, urging you to vote DO NOT PASS. I looked at the bios of the sponsors of this bill and did not find anyone who was a licensed social worker. I was wondering why they believe they have the expertise to dictate what is and what is not ethical practice?

I have known people who had been subjected to conversion therapy and their stories of mistreatment, torture, and abuse at the hands of their religious “therapists” is something no one should ever be subjected to. 27 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico have all banned conversion therapy, and such practices have been rejected by every mainstream medical and mental health organization for decades. Bills like this one exist to harm and discriminate against queer people and have done more harm than good.

Out of concern for safety, respect for our queer citizens, and to ensure that our state is not seen as one that seeks to harm queer people, vote DO NOT PASS on HB 1430.

Respectfully submitted:

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