

Testimony for the record
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Chairman Ruby, Vice Chairman Frelich, and Members of the committee – thank you for your time and service on this matter and the opportunity to submit this testimony in opposition to House Bill 1430.

My name is Megan Hay. I am currently a student at Minot State University pursuing a bachelor's degree in social work. I would like to state for the record that the opinions expressed in this testimony are my own and do not necessarily reflect the views or positions of Minot State University.

Through my own research and education, I have seen copious research in opposition to conversion therapy and other therapy modalities congruent with conversion therapy. Research has shown that individuals who have undergone conversion therapy experience psychological harm. House Bill 1430 addresses the field of social work directly; however

the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) has issued statements opposing the use of conversion therapy, stating:

“Thus, NASW condemns any and all forms of conversion practices, as they are harmful to the mental health and well-being of LGBTQIA25+. These practices stand in direct conflict with NASW’s professional code of ethics, and these practices represent a significant risk of harm by subjecting individuals to forms of treatment”

For the previous reasons stated, I urge members to vote a do not pass on HB 1430 as this is an unethical practice, and conflicts with the Social Work Code of Ethics.

Thank you for your time,

Megan Hay

<https://www.socialworkers.org/Practice/LGBTQIA/Sexual-Orientation-and-Gender-Diversity>