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## Dear La Crosse Council Members:

I am writing to ask you to approve the proposed ordinance creating Sec. 32-191 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse prohibiting Conversion Therapy.

As illustrated in the proposed ordinance, the practice of conversion therapy has not been shown to be effective, and it creates a potential risk of serious harm to those who experience it. The ordinance, if passed, protects the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the City of La Crosse, especially the physical and psychological well-being of minors.

The City of La Crosse has the obligation and right to protect children and, in the absence of other protections, the ordinance is necessary to protect not only LGBT+ youth but also to make our community a more inclusive, welcoming place.

I encourage the city to move forward and join other Wisconsin cities (Racine, Sheboygan, Superior, Glendale) in prohibiting this outdated and barbaric practice in our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Cindy Killion 2201 Coulee Drive