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To the members of the La Crosse Common Council,

Please accept this email as a written public comment in opposition to 22-0636: AN ORDINANCE to create Sec. 32-191 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse prohibiting Conversion Therapy.

My concern with this proposed ordinance is that the definition of conversion therapy is too broad in scope.

Would comments heard by a minor in a speech fall under this definition? If a minor approaches a clergy person to ask questions about her religion's stance on marriage and sexuality, would that fall under this definition of conversion therapy if the tenets of that religion condemn homosexual acts?

I wish the health and wellbeing of all citizens of La Crosse, including youth who identify as LGBTQ+. I am against coercive and forceful means to provide any kind of "therapy," conversion or otherwise.

However, due to the broad nature of this law, I believe that the City of La Crosse is overreaching the bounds of its authority. I fear this law infringes upon a parent's right to raise his or her children according to his or her beliefs and values. I also fear this law infringes upon local organizations' right to assist a parent in raising his or her children according to the parent's values and beliefs.

Sincerely,

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