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Dear members of La Crosse Common Council,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed ordinance regarding the prohibition of conversion therapy. I feel that this ordinance is attempting to justify and legalize tremendous overreach from the local government into the religious rights of churches, pastors, and counselors. It also infringes on the rights of parents to make health care choices for their children. In short, it appears to violate the first amendment's guarantees of the freedoms of speech and the free exercise of religion.

Please vote to reject this ordinance, which infringes upon rights guaranteed by our United States Constitution.

Respectfully,

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