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Dear La Crosse Council Members,

I'm writing to ask you to support an ordinance to create Sec. 32-191 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse prohibiting Conversion Therapy.

Scientific studies demonstrate that conversion therapy is a hurtful and abusive practice that has no place in current interventions for anyone. The American Academy of Pediatrics, American Academy of Child Adolescent Psychiatry, American College of Physicians, American Medical Association, and American Psychiatric Association have all released statements saying that conversion therapies can be harmful and should not have a place in any treatment plan for children and adolescents.

The American Psychiatric Association said that the potential risks of "reparative therapy" are great and include "depression, anxiety, and self-destructive behavior."

I ask that you protect all our children from this out-dated and barbaric practice by voting in favor of this ordinance. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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