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Dear Council Members,

I am emailing you to urge you to vote in support the Conversion Therapy Ban. Conversion" therapy is a dangerous practice that targets LGBTQ youth and seeks to change their sexual or gender identities. Conversion therapy is dangerous and discredited practices that falsely claim to change a person's sexual orientation or gender identity/expression. These practices have been rejected by every mainstream medical and mental health organization. Young people are especially vulnerable. Conversion therapy can lead to depression, anxiety, drug use, homelessness, and suicide. As a country we are focused on the mental health of our children and youth! Making sure conversion therapy does not happen in the city of La Crosse is a good first step!

I want to explain that this kind of therapy is based on ignorance and not on facts. You cannot force someone to change their sexuality or gender identity just like you cannot force someone to change their skin color or body type. The city and community has said they support the LGBTQ+ Community! Now is the time to act on that support! Vote in favor of the ban and support the LGBTQ+ youth in our community.

Thank you!

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