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Hello.

It looks like there are some letters of support that are not showing up in the agenda packet. Would you like me to forward those to you?

I have also included my letter of support, as Nikki is out of the office.

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Hello.

My name is Alesha Schandelmeier and I am the proud parent of three teenagers and secondly the Executive Director of The Center: 7 Rivers LGBTQ Connection. Homosexuality was removed

from DSM in 1973 and now almost 50 YEARS LATER... Attempts to 'cure' us are still happening and legal in much of the country.

Conversion therapy practices have been rejected by every mainstream medical and mental health organization for decades, but due to continuing discrimination and societal bias against LGBTQ people, some practitioners continue to conduct conversion therapy. Minors are especially vulnerable, and conversion therapy can lead to depression, anxiety, drug use, homelessness, and suicide.

As community leaders, educators, parents and trusted adults it is our responsibility to protect LGBTQ+ youth! Continuing to allow these archaic, dangerous practices to go on, is unacceptable.

Thank you for your time

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