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Greetings Common Council,

I am emailing in support of the ordinance to ban conversion therapy in La Crosse as a harmful practice to LGBTQ+ community members, particularly youth.

LGBT+ youth facing high levels of discrimination are six times more likely to experience depression and eight times more likely to have attempted suicide (Family Acceptance in Adolescence and the Health of LGBT Young Adults from the Journal of Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Nursing).

Engaging in harmful practices are not only ineffective but also harmful increases the risk to our community. Supporting this ban is supporting children and families.

Thank you,
Jane Benzschawel