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To Whom it May Concern,

As a resident of La Crosse, a strong supporter of individual freedom, parental rights, and evidenced based medicine I strongly oppose the amendment for J&A 5.31.2022 regarding the banning of conversion therapy.

Subsection (a)(2) and (a)(3) references a prevailing opinion that has been chosen from sources which universally show one particular view of sex, gender, and gender ideology and an associated view of conversion therapy. Clearly a survey of the broader consensus looking at opposing opinions and considerations either wasn't done or was ignored. I will let the physicians who are far more qualified than myself and I know are writing in present evidence in depth.

Subsection (a)(4) bears no weight as the opposing literature reviews conducted on gender affirming therapy has shown know statistically significant reduction in harm, suicidal thoughts, or substance abuse.

Subsection (a)(5) is misleading as it says "other organizations" have concluded that bisexuality and homosexuality are not illnesses. This is still not definitive statement if you refer to the list of sources you referenced in (a)(3). The DSM-5 still defines Gender Dysphoria among other illnesses in that category.

The City of La Crosse has no business determining what the correct approach is for parents and their children in regard to gender ideology and therapy. The federal, state, or local governments are not the final authority on these subjects nor are the various medical associations when it comes to what a family's beliefs are and how they choose to practice those beliefs. In this case, the objective truth behind gender ideology and the associated morality of promoting or practicing things in this realm that violate certain tenants of various faiths.

This has no place in local law nor does the city counsel have any right to outlaw this. The city would be placing themselves in between some of its citizens and their faith and/or their children.

Do not proceed with this.

Respectfully,
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