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## **SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF COYOTE RI**

February 13th, 2020

To the Members of the Health, Human Services, and Elderly Affairs Committee,

I am writing to oppose HB 1077, a bill which would allow conversion therapy to be performed on minors. Representative Testerman's frequent attempts to deny the truths of the LGBTQ+ children of New Hampshire are as concerning as they are dangerous. The idea that LGBTQ+ people can or should be converted is disturbingly homophobic.

Further, conversion therapy is a practice discredited by every mainstream medical and mental health organization including the American Medical Association, and keeping it away from New Hampshire's minors is both justified and necessary. . In fact, conversion therapy is a form of abuse. ([The Lies and Dangers of Efforts to Change Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity](#))

Proponents of conversion therapy falsely assert that it can change someone's sexual orientation or gender identity, but in reality it often leads to anxiety, drug use, and suicide. The current ban on conversion therapy for minors protects those whose parents would misguidedly force this harmful practice upon them.

I urge you to look out for these minors and vote against HB 1077. Homophobia has no place in New Hampshire

Sincerely,

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