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Dear Madam Clerk,

On May 23, 2023, House Bills 4616 and 4617, were referred to the House Committee on Health Policy. These bills prohibit mental health professionals from engaging in so called conversion therapy with minors and defines the practices collectively known as conversion therapy.

I am asking the Subcommittee on Behavioral Health to review and make recommendations to these bills. Protecting LGBTQ youth from engaging in harmful counseling which attempts to alter fundamental aspects of a minor's identity. This legislation presents an opportunity for the Subcommittee to delve into modern therapy practices and health care needs of today's youth while engaging all interested parties. I am confident that the Subcommittee will be successful and productive.

Sincerely,

Julie M. Rogers

Chair House Committee on Health Policy