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Senator \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Massachusetts State House

Boston, MA 02133

Re: H.4664 “An Act Relative to Abusive Practices to Change Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity in Minors.”

Dear Senator\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

I am writing to ask you to help protect minors by supporting a quick Senate vote on the bill *An Act Relative to Abusive Practices to Change Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity in Minors*, otherwise known as the Conversion Therapy Ban Bill, sponsored by Senator Mark Montigny. Passed June 27th in the House of Representatives as H.4664, this bill is needed to stop the dangerous and discredited practice of conversion therapy on youth in Massachusetts.

Little time remains in the 2017-2018 legislative session, so I urge you to push Senate leadership for a quick vote on the House bill without amendments. There is no time for a conference committee to convene and draft a report before July 31st. Only if the Senate acts quickly to approve the House version can we make this important bill law before the close of session.

The Conversion Therapy Ban Bill prohibits state licensed mental health professionals from engaging in deceptive practices attempting to change a minor’s sexual orientation or gender identity. In contrast to professionally accepted therapies, this practice causes negative outcomes, including depression, substance abuse, and suicidality.

Please protect the youth of Massachusetts from this harmful, fraudulent practice by acting quickly to pass H. 4664 in the Senate

Sincerely,

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