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Ask Governor Brown to Protect LGBT Young People from Dangerous Psychological Abuse

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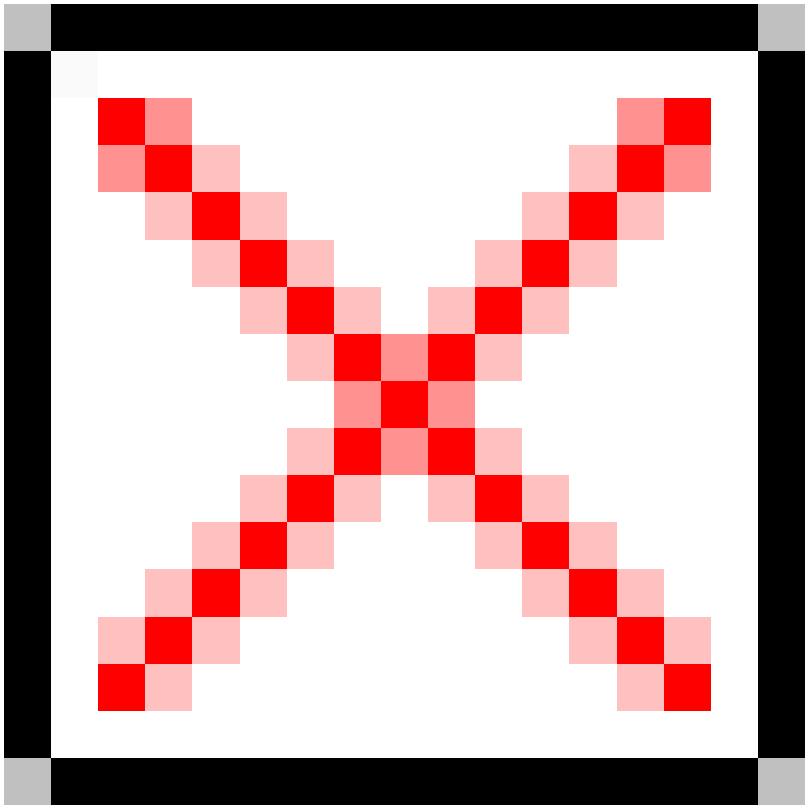

The California State Assembly made history last week by passing a landmark bill that will ban psychological abuse inflicted on LGBT young people by deceitful mental health professionals who falsely claim to be able change their sexual orientation or gender expression.

Senate Bill 1172?authored by Senator Ted Lieu?will stop mental health professionals from harming young people with this dangerous practice, but only if Governor Brown signs it into law.

And this is where we need your help.

You can end this practice?which causes long-lasting depression and has far too often resulted in young people taking their lives?by telling the governor that you want him to protect young people by signing the bill into law.

Write or call Governor Brown today and urge him to protect LGBT young people!

Please, pick up the phone and call the Governor?s office right now. Follow the prompts to support SB 1172 (Lieu).

1. Dial 916.445.2841
2. Press 1 to continue in English.
3. Press 6 to speak with a representative of Governor Jerry Brown's office.
4. Voice your support for SB 1172, the bill banning dangerous psychological abuse of minors.

OR send the following letter to the Governor through this form [1].

> I am writing to you today to ask that you sign Senate Bill 1172 by Senator Ted Lieu, which would protect lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender young people from psychological abuse inflicted on them by deceitful mental health professionals who falsely claim to be able change their sexual orientation or gender expression.
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> This abusive practice causes serious harm to LGBT youth, including depression, shame, decreased self-esteem, social withdrawal, substance abuse, and suicide.
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> Every mainstream mental health organization has issued warnings that there is no credible evidence that any type of psychotherapy can change a person?s sexual orientation and that efforts to do so may cause serious and lasting harm. And yet, every day, unscrupulous therapists in California continue to mislead parents and to subject youth to this dangerous practice.
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> Too many young people have taken their own lives or suffered lifelong harm after being told, falsely, by a therapist or counselor that who they are is wrong, sick or the result of personal or moral failure.
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> We must ensure that no young person is subjected to this damaging and discredited practice.
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> Please sign SB 1172.

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