

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing today to express my concern over the recently introduced state bill in Minnesota that prohibits children and certain adults from seeking therapy for sexual orientation. I experienced childhood trauma when my younger sister died and it caused very painful dynamics in my family. I was not raised in a faith household and I entered into the homosexual lifestyle while still a child. I also went through a period of gender confusion and dressed like a man at times. When I became an adult, I pursued a group healing class at a church that helped me find relational wholeness in my sexuality. I also pursued counseling (on my own initiative as well) to attain further healing and forgiveness for the pain and trauma that I endured as a young child. I wish I would have had the opportunity to seek help for my sexual orientation as a child. I feel strongly that it could have prevented some of the stress, depression, confusion, and suicidal thoughts I battled. I now live in the joy and peace that I was desperately searching for my whole life. I have been married for 16 years to my amazing husband and look forward to many more years together.

Thank you for taking the time to hear a part of my story!

Sincerely,  
Kelly Wagner