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Testimony in support of SB 107

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

My name is Laurie Glover from Great Falls. I have been a registered nurse and family nurse practitioner for 34 years in Montana. I am an Ally of the LGBT Community.

I implore you to do what needs to be done to remove language that puts illegal or felonious slant on homosexual orientation. I support SB 107.

Discrimination against any person based on their orientation goes against basic human rights. It also is counter to the Nursing Code of Ethics and other professional codes. Empirical evidence has provided no link of homosexual orientation to psychopathology. In the medical field we have known this for decades. Furthermore, homosexuality is not deviant or criminal. I have served alongside many LGBT healthcare professionals. I am friends with many LGBT individuals who are contributors to human services, business, the armed forces, and their families and communities.

I am also a teacher of future nurses. We screen prospective nursing students for felonies in their background. Of course, we are looking for theft, assault, repeat DUIs, and other serious infractions. Why would we want to include sexual orientation? To do so is counter to our ethical framework, is not practical, and also is unconstitutional.

Let's remove or permanently alter the language now. This is the time. Thank you.