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**HOUSE REPUBLICAN RESURRECT 2018 DEBATE TO REPEAL PROHIBITION ON  
CONVERSION THERAPY**

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE** – Today, New Hampshire House Republicans resurrected a 2018 debate to repeal the prohibition on conversion therapy for minors. The House tabled HB 1077 with a 197-147 roll-called vote. Following the vote, **Chair of the House LGBTQ+ Caucus and Vice Chair of New Hampshire Stonewall Democrats, Rep. Joshua Query (D-Manchester):**

“The reality is this: conversion therapy doesn’t work, it has been disproven time and time again, and it is connected to higher risks of depression, anxiety, drug use, homelessness, and suicide. Unfortunately, for so many LGBTQ+ youth who are still minors and need a place to live and food to eat, they will do anything their parents tell them to, even if it jeopardizes their own mental well-being. As legislators and as adults in the room, we must stand-up to defend the dignity of LGBTQ+ youth across this state. I am disheartened to have seen such a divisive vote.”

**Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Rep. Melbourne Moran (D-Nashua)** added:

“This bill would return the ability of the pseudoscience practice of conversion therapy to exploit homophobic beliefs to psychologically abuse children, a protected class of citizens who are more than deserving of our state’s protection from such horrible acts. I am outraged that our colleagues across the aisle have the total disregard to the harm and abuse LGBTQ+ children by resurrecting this dangerous discussion.”