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Dear Clerk of The Court,

I need The Court of Appeals Eleventh Circuit to re-evaluate their ruling on the case, Otto et al v City of Boca Raton, Florida et al, 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, No. 19-10604, where the court ruled two bans on conversion therapy a violation to the first amendment. Bans on conversion therapy are in fact not a violation of the first amendment as conversion therapy is proven to not only be ineffective but also extremely mentally, physically, and sexually abusive. The Court of Appeals shall approve all bans on conversion therapy for the Eleventh Circuit.

The APA has strongly opposed this practice making it clear that it does not work. The APA has stated, "The American Psychiatric Association does not believe that same-sex orientation should or needs to be changed, and efforts to do so represent a significant risk of harm by subjecting individuals to forms of treatment which have not been scientifically validated and by undermining self-esteem when sexual orientation fails to change. No credible evidence exists that any mental health intervention can reliably and safely change sexual orientation; nor, from a mental health perspective does sexual orientation need to be changed." Although the ones to make a decision on the ban is the court, I believe it is only right to consult with professional medical personnel before making a decision. A simple consult with qualified doctors would've given the court more of an understanding of the gravity of the situation.

Conversion therapy uses sexual assault, harassment, manipulation, humiliation, and talk prayer to "accomplish" its goal. Some of these methods are illegal, especially since some young people in conversion therapy are minors who have been forced by their parents. Even if someone wanted to say they chose to go there, minors cannot legally give consent. You are allowing child abuse; this should be prohibited. Child abuse is a serious issue in the United States and all the court is doing is allowing it more. It's a disgrace the court is allowing children and many people to be abused in many ways and calling it "freedom of speech."

Respectfully,
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