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**COMPTROLLER LEMBO'S STATEMENT ON SENATE VOTE TO  
BAN CONVERSION THERAPY FOR MINORS**

Comptroller Kevin Lembo, the first openly gay person elected to statewide office in Connecticut, praised the state Senate today for voting to protect Connecticut children from conversion therapy.

“Connecticut’s laws will now match its values – codifying that no child here will be subjected to the psychological or physical trauma of so-called conversion therapy.

“The fact that such legislation is a necessity is deeply troubling to me as a parent, and as someone who very distinctly remembers the rejection that I personally experienced when I came out to my family for the first time at age 11. I cannot imagine any child, in addition to such rejection, having to endure the added abuse of conversion therapy.

“This abusive and traumatic practice is not only dangerous, but has no medical or scientific basis – and has been rejected and discredited by the American Medical Association, the American Psychiatric Association, the American Psychological Association, and the National Association of Social Workers.”

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