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## **Rep. Currey Named Legislator of the Year for Leading Conversion Therapy Ban**

*Honored by CT Chapter of the National Association for Social Workers*

**State Rep. Jeff Currey** (D-East Hartford/Manchester/South Windsor) was named Legislator of the Year by the Connecticut Chapter of the National Association for Social Workers (NASW CT) for leading the passage of legislation to ban the discredited practice known as conversion therapy.

Conversion therapy involves a range of practices intended to change a minor's sexual orientation or gender identity. The nation's leading health care professional organizations, including the American Medical Association, the American Psychiatric Association, and the American Psychological Association, have rejected conversion therapy as a legitimate practice.

"Conversion therapy pushes the dangerous idea that LGBTQ young people need to be 'fixed' – when what they actually need is our love and support. I'm proud to live in a state where protecting the wellbeing of LGBTQ youth has not been a divisive issue," **Rep. Currey** said. "When young people feel supported by their family and community, they thrive. I would like to thank the Connecticut Chapter of NASW and their members for this honor and for being valuable allies in passing this legislation."

The legislation passed the House and Senate with overwhelming support and was signed into law by the Governor in May.

NASW is the nation's largest professional organization for social workers.

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