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## Supreme Court Vote Restoring Minors' Free Speech on LGBTQ Topics Hailed as 'Resounding Win'

*Justices ruled against viewpoint discrimination of youth grappling with unwanted same-sex attractions, Restored Hope Network Executive Director Anne Edward says*

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – Restored Hope Network is celebrating a huge win for the freedom of speech of minors who are grappling with unwanted same-sex attraction or gender confusion and those who help them, including professionals.

"Today is a resounding win for freedom of speech, including professional speech," Restored Hope Network (RHN) Executive Director Anne Edward said. "The U.S. Supreme Court's 8-1 ruling rejecting a Colorado law that prohibited mental health professionals from assisting young people who want to steward their sexuality according to biblical ethics ends the viewpoint discrimination and censorship of speech by the government.

RHN is the nation's largest coalition of ministries, therapists, spiritual mentors and pastors serving those who desire to overcome LGBTQ issues in their lives.

The Supreme Court justly decided today, "The First Amendment protects the right of all to speak their minds." Furthermore, the high court had already "expressly rejected the notion that professional speech is subject to 'diminished constitutional protection,'" (585 U. S., at 767). 'History is littered with examples of governments that have sought to manipulate professional speech "to increase state power," "suppress minorities," and censor 'unpopular ideas.'" (Id., at 771).

"Respecting a minor's freedom to choose what to do with his or her life -- and seek help that they want -- is a dearly held value," Edward noted. "People looking for change should be free to find conversation and resources from counselors, schools, churches and ministries like ours to help them achieve their desired goals. We congratulate Kaley Chiles and Alliance Defending Freedom on their integrity to protect freedom of speech."

Restored Hope Network will hold their annual HOPE conference in Colorado Springs, Colo., at Focus on the Family's campus this year on June 12 and 13. The event equips men and women grappling with LGBTQ issues, those helping individuals with unwanted same-sex attraction and gender confusion, as well as how to care for families with an LGBTQ-identified loved one to love without compromising their faith. Find out more at [restoredhopenetwork.org/hopeconf](http://restoredhopenetwork.org/hopeconf)

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About Restored Hope Network

*Restored Hope Network is an interdenominational coalition of Christian ministries serving those who desire to overcome relational and sexual issues in their lives and those impacted by such behavior, particularly homosexuality. We work alongside the body of Christ, the Church; connecting those seeking help with local member ministries and other available resources; and support, equip, and network the local member ministries.*