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FW: Reply from Senator Sherrod Brown

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To: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Mcmillin:

Thank you for sharing your concern about male circumcision and support for legislation that would ban this procedure.

Male circumcision is performed each year for reasons that vary from family to family. While opponents of the procedure argue it may be dangerous to a baby boy's physical and mental health, some scientific evidence supports the potential medical benefits of newborn male circumcision. Despite this data, experts are not recommending routine neonatal circumcision. The American Academy of Pediatrics argues that when a procedure is not essential to a child's health, the decision should be left to the parents and their pediatrician.

Should the medical community determine male circumcision is unsafe and recommend the procedure be banned by law, I would strongly consider its recommendation. Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

Sherrod Brown
United States Senator