

United States Senate

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Mr. Matt Hess

Dear Mr. Hess:

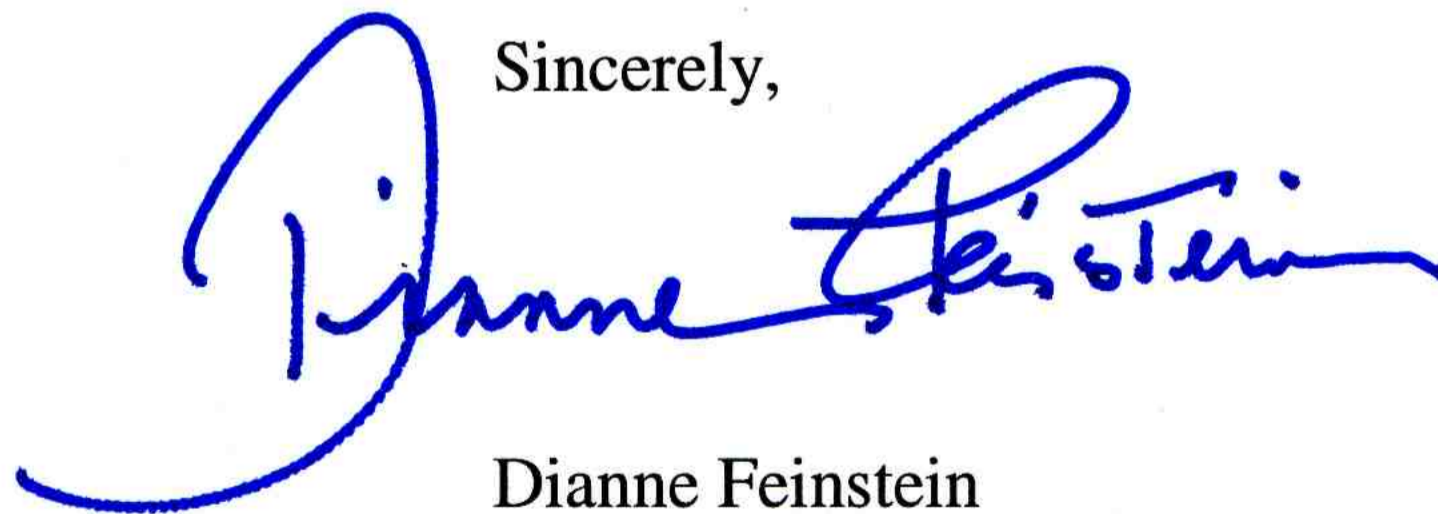
Thank you for writing to me about your legislative proposal regarding male circumcision. I appreciate hearing from you and welcome the opportunity to respond.

I understand that studies regarding health benefits of circumcision have produced varied results. Some studies conclude that the benefits of circumcision are not significant enough to recommend circumcision as a routine procedure, while other studies conclude that circumcision does offer some benefits, such as, preventing urinary tract infections in infants.

For more information on this issue, you may want to visit the website for the National Institute of Child Health and Development, part of the National Institutes of Health, at <http://www.nichd.nih.gov/>. Please know that I have noted your concerns with this medical procedure and I appreciate the time you took to share your legislative proposal with me.

Again, thank you for writing. I hope that you will continue to keep in touch on issues of importance to you. Should you have any further questions or comments, please feel free to call my Washington, D.C. staff at (202) 224-3841.

Sincerely,



Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

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