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Subject: Re: Virginia MGM Bill Submission

To: Kari Kilgore

Kari,

Thank you for getting in touch. I'm afraid that I disagree strongly with you on this issue. It's simply medically inaccurate to compare male circumcision to female genital mutilation. Male circumcision is a medically safe practice that, according to the American Society of Pediatrics, is at best moderately beneficial and at worst harmless in terms of male genital health. There is exhaustive data to support this, since it has been practiced safely for thousands of years by diverse cultures. There is no form of female circumcision / genital mutilation that does not involve permanent debilitating harm to female genital health.

Sincerely,

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