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Mr. Mark Hogarth

Albany, New York

Dear Mr. Hogarth:

I am in receipt of your communication regarding your proposed legislation to amend genital mutilation statutes to include boys.

The premise of your legislation would be to prohibit circumcisions, except in cases of health or medical necessity, or if the person is unable to give consent. Nowhere is there an exemption for religious reasons. I do not believe such legislation is necessary.

Thank you for contacting me. Please feel free to do so whenever there is a matter of interest or concern.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike", written over a horizontal line.

**Michael R. McNulty
Member of Congress**

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