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Mr. Mark Hogarth
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Albany, NY [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Hogarth:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your request for the passage of a "Genital Mutilation Prevention Act" in New York State.

Procedures like the ones outlined in your e-mail are very personal for families and many factors play a role in determining this decision. Cultural and religious beliefs must be considered with a proposal like the one you have made, as do the personal health implications. In addition, as you know, there is no legal requirement that such a medical procedure be performed in New York State.

It is my position that decisions of this type are best left to the families unless a compelling case can be made for the health and welfare of the children.

Thanks again for contacting me regarding this issue of concern to you.

Sincerely,

RON CANESTRARI
Member of Assembly

