

Subject: FW: Please protect boys from forced circumcision. (Senator Kline's response)

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To: [REDACTED]

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Subject: RE: Please protect boys from forced circumcision.

I have absolutely NO interest in attempting to outlaw a ritual of the Jewish faith. This bill lumps male circumcision in with the bestial practice of removing a young woman's clitoris in order to deprive her of sexual pleasure. Male circumcision does nothing of the sort to the subject. I noticed three medical exceptions to this rule, but instead of a faith-based exception there was a very explicit provision that *faith doesn't matter*. Thankfully, this makes your bill a violation of the First Amendment, a violation of the constitutional right to free exercise of religion, so that in the unlikely event that a jurisdiction would ever pass it, it would be ruled invalid by the courts. Perhaps this is a minor matter to you, but I assure you that as a Jew representing a district with a large Jewish population, this is no minor matter to me. Please do not even think about trying to persuade me or any other Washington legislator to outlaw a basic ritual of Judaism. Do not even think you can pretend that the purpose of this bill is strictly medical.

Adam Kline