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The following are facts I sourced from The World Health Organization posted on January 31, 2018.

Key Facts on Female Genital Mutilation:

- * FGM includes procedures that **intentionally** alter or cause injury to the female genital organs for non-medical reasons.
- * The procedure has no health benefits for girl or women.
- * The procedure can cause severe bleeding, problems urinating, cysts, infection, child birth complications, and increased of newborn deaths.
- * FGM is mostly done to young girls between infancy and age 15.
- * FGM is a violation of the **human rights of girls and women.**

I urge that the most comprehensive legislation be passed into CT state law. We cannot allow this barbarism in CT.

Sincerely,

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