



CONNECTICUT REPUBLICAN ASSEMBLY
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Testimony IN FAVOR of SB 505 - AN ACT PROHIBITING FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION.. *To prevent the practice of female genital mutilation.*

Dear Chairmen and Members of the Judiciary Committee,

This testimony is in FAVOR of this bill to make this act a crime in the state of CT.

Over 24 states have laws against Female Genital Mutilation, and the CT General Assembly needs to amend and include this in the CT statutes.

Female Genital Mutilation speaks for itself - mutilation of young girls genitals for specific "rite of passage" which is a violation of human rights of girls and women. Physical child abuse.

Many are maimed and even die from the barbaric treatment in other countries around the world. It is time to make female genital mutilation a class D felony in CT.

Sincerely,

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