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Subject: SB505

To Whom it May Concern,

According to the World Health Organization, there are currently 200 million girls and women around the world living with Female Genital Mutilation. Who would ever believe that we, in the United States of America, would need a hearing to establish this heinous act as a crime? A crime being committed against the female population. I can only live with hope that no girl or women in our State of Connecticut would ever have to endure such an act. This is a violation of HUMAN RIGHTS!

I would like to point out that this procedure has no health benefits, can alter or cause injury to the female genital organs for non-medical reason and can cause severe bleeding and problems urinating, and later cysts, infections, as well as complications in childbirth and increased risk of newborn deaths. Why is this procedure necessary? Apart from the many physical and medical points with FGM, I can imagine what horror exists with the psychological issues associated with this procedure.

Please, lets join the twenty-eight states who have current legislation criminalizing Female Genital Mutilation and offer hope to our State of Connecticut residents.

Please accept my written testimony for the Act prohibiting Female Genital Mutilation SB505.

Sincerely,

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