

WHY I AM AGAINST SB 1069

This bill proposes that a “study” be performed on female genital mutilation, delaying proposals to outlaw it. Meantime, young girls will continue to be subject to this barbaric practice, put under pressure by those who advocate it. I oppose any delay for that reason.

Connecticut remains among the 11 backward states that allow FGM to go unopposed, ruining young lives and leaving scars that will long outlast the pain, humiliation and terror of the “procedure,” involving the partial or entire removal of the female sex organ.

Add to this the fact that Connecticut still provides the perfect cutting destination where victims are brought from adjoining states in which FGM is already a crime.

It appalls me to think that my home state dithers and delays over what should be obvious: Female genital mutilation is an atrocious crime and is long overdue to be outlawed here. Please do not “study” the issue --- criminalize it.

Sincerely,
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