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Umsögn um frumvarp til laga um breytingu á almennum hegningarlögum (bann við umskurði drengja), 148. löggjafarþing, 114. mál.

Dear Althingi,

I strongly support your pending legislation that provides legal protection of genital integrity for boys. Since females are already protected from non-medical genital alteration, males should have the same rights. Please do not be dissuaded by those who claim the law would violate religious freedom. Whose freedom? Since an infant is incapable of religious beliefs, imposing an irreversible body alteration on him violates the freedom to choose his own religion as an adult. It differs from education, which can be changed.

Thank you for leading the way on bodily integrity rights – I hope that other nations will follow. All children, regardless of gender, culture or parental religion, have a fundamental right to all their healthy, functional genitalia.

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