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Kirkjustræti
150 Reykjavík

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

Ágætu þingmenn Alþingis / Dear Members of the Icelandic Parliament,
as a charitable non-governmental organization speaking up for genital integrity and autonomy
as an essential human right, we are very pleased to see your introduction of a bill to ban non-
therapeutic amputations of boys' foreskins ("circumcisions"). Many of our members are men
affected by circumcision, who justifiably feel impinged upon their rights of bodily integrity,
as well as their freedom of personality and religion. Men affected by circumcision often
experience themselves severely limited in their sexual sensation and some even feel mutilated
due to the amputation of their foreskin. The procedure of circumcision itself is frequently
undergone as a totally traumatic event, even if carried out under anaesthetic.

Thus, we want to encourage you to be the first country to act on the commitment to the UN-
Convention of the Rights of the Child regarding the issue of male infant circumcision.

A short overview of the most essential information about "circumcision" can be found in our
leaflet at https://intaktiv.de/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Leaflet_intaktiv-MGM_V2e_10-2017.pdf

Kind regards,
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