

Ban Female Genital Mutilation in Vermont

Subject: Protect Girls from Genital Mutilation in Vermont

I am a constituent of yours and I'm reaching out to ask that you support H83, sponsored by Representative George Till, which would ban female genital mutilation (FGM) in our state.

FGM is a form of gender-based child abuse and girls in our state remain unprotected by an anti-FGM law. Our elected officials need to prioritize this important issue.

The federal law that protected girls and women from FGM was deemed unconstitutional and the ruling judge determined that it was instead up to the states to act.

There are 650 girls and women estimated at risk in our state. I encourage you to act on their behalf and help institute state-level protections. This abuse can't be ignored any longer.

I care deeply about this issue, and I know others do as well.

Thank you for your time and consideration.