



Supporting the Human Rights Violators Act Sample Support Letter

Subject: Support S.4021, the Human Rights Violators Act of 2022

Sample Text:

I am writing to urge you to support S.4021, the Human Rights Violators Act of 2022. The Human Rights Violators Act of 2022, introduced by Senator Chuck Grassley, seeks to establish that participants in human rights abuses, such as female genital mutilation, are ineligible for entry to the U.S. and deportable.

Female genital mutilation (FGM) is any procedure that involves partial or total removal of the external female genitalia, or other injury to the female genital organs, for non-medical reasons. FGM is internationally recognized as a violation of the fundamental human rights of women and girls, and as a human rights abuse by the United Nations since 1992. Currently, 40 U.S. states have passed legislation to ban FGM.

FGM is often performed on girls between birth and 15 years of age to ensure their virginity until marriage. Girls who undergo FGM may face lifelong physical and psychological consequences. As of 2016, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates 513,000 women and girls are at risk of or have already undergone FGM in the U.S. This is a threefold increase from previous estimates from 1997.

I therefore urge you to support S.4021, the Human Rights Violators Act of 2022, and protect the most vulnerable of our population: little girls.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,