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**From:** [Ariel Stepp](#)

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**Subject:** Re: Missouri MGM Bill

Ariel,

Thanks for drawing this issue to my attention. Intersex rights are important to me, so I will continue to inform myself about MGM. The best time to approach legislators about introducing legislation in Missouri is in summer or fall. We like to pre-file legislation in December or at least get it filed in the first month of Legislative Session. (Legislative Session in MO is Jan.-mid-May.)

I am working on all the bills that I believe I can competently handle at this point, so I will not file an MGM bill in 2006. I also need to research the religious freedom implications as I think the model language is based more on the practice of female genital mutilation. If you'd like to talk about how to organize a grassroots campaign around this issue, I'd be glad to talk with you by phone, e-mail, or in person.

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