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From: KENNETH CLARK
Date: Tuesday, February 07, 2006 3:15 PM
To: Brandy Walters
Subject: Re: Male Genital Mutilation Bill

Dear Brandy:

I thank you for your interest and concern but do not share your view. I personally requested circumcision, at age 23, while a Midshipman at the US Naval Academy, under a program for graduating seniors who were allowed to request elective surgery before commissioning. Others had "dumbo ears" trimmed, scars and tatoos removed, etc. Circumcision is not in my mind mutilation, does not effect sexual sensitivity and in fact is cleaner. So while it may not be really needed, it really is a very personal choice. Parents have a right to make that decision for their children or they can delay it till the child is old enough to decide for themself, but it should not be legislated.

Perhaps someone else may agree with you and want to pursue it with you. Thanks for your initiative and concern.

Rep Ken Clark

Brandy Walters

Lexington, SC

Febraury 6, 2006

Representative Kenneth G. KenClark
South Carolina House of Representatives
Post Office Box 11867
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Dear Kenneth G. KenClark,

I am writing to ask you to sponsor a proposed bill that would protect boys from the harmful practice of male genital mutilation, also known as