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Attorney General Eric Holder
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Holder,

I commend you for pursuing C.I.A. torture cases to determine violations of national and international law. This blight upon America must be corrected.

There is another torture issue that has been tolerated for too long in America that calls for judicial correction, where it is now proposed that "Public health officials are considering promoting *routine circumcision for all baby boys in the United States* to reduce the spread of H.I.V., the virus that causes AIDS" (Officials Weigh Circumcision to Fight H.I.V. Risk, NYT 8.24.09, attached).

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/08/24/health/policy/24circumcision.html?em=&pagewanted=print>

Who are these public health officials that propose such a monstrous act of torture of healthy children for a presumed health benefit". They should be named and held accountable like those who advocate torture as a policy of government. The genital mutilation of children in search of a health benefit is the medical blunder and crime of the 20th and 21st Centuries, just as Tuskegee was the medical blunder and crime of the 20th Century.

Genital mutilation of children is an act of torture, as the striping of skin from the body is universally recognized as an act of torture. This is particularly true for the infant/child where the glans and foreskin are fused as a single biological unit that protects the glans. See the enclosed article by Van Lewis "Oregon Courts Have No Right to Force Circumcision" (12.7.07) and the photo of an infant's scream of terror and pain induced by circumcision. Many infants do not scream because they are in shock and cannot scream. http://www.salem-news.com/articles/december072007/circumcisions_12707.php

Marilyn Milos, R.N, Executive Director, NOCIRC can provide you with a videotape of an infant being circumcised with the scream of torture and pain that can only be recognized as a scream of torture. <http://www.nocirc.org>. The pain induced by circumcision interferes with breastfeeding bonding, which is

essential for the development of a peaceful and non-violent society. "Breastfeeding failure is a known and documented risk of circumcision."

<http://www.nocirc.org/statements/breastfeeding.php>

<http://www.violence.de/prescott/ttf/article.html>

The Ashley Montagu Resolution To End the Genital Mutilation of Children Worldwide: A Petition To The World Court, the Hague affirms that the genital mutilation of children is a violation of the *United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights*; the *United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child*; and other international covenants. The Montagu Resolution has received the support of Nobel Laureate Dr. Francis Crick; Dr. Jonas Salk, Founder. The Salk Institute for Biological Studies and many other leading citizen-scientists.

http://www.montagunocircpetition.org/montagu_resolution.pg

<http://www.nocirc.org/symposia/fourth/endorse1.pdf>

<http://www.nocirc.org/symposia/fourth/endorse2.pdf>

The *Universal Declaration on Circumcision, Excision, and Incision* was passed unanimously by *The First International Symposium on Circumcision (1989)*, which emphasized that circumcision pain returns in those rare cases where local anesthesia is used and remains a violation of the *United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, which states "No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman, degrading treatment or punishment".

<http://www.montagunocircpetition.org/circ-human-rights-ethical-practice.pg>

It is well known that Federal Law establishes Female Genital Mutilation as a crime (PL 104-208), which was enacted on September 30, 1996 and the criminal provisions became effective on March 30, 1997. The 14th Amendment states "nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws", which extends the criminal sanctions under PL 104-208 to male children. This reality has yet to be acknowledged by the Congress and it is requested that you formally act to assure this protection to male children. <http://mgmbill.org/usfgmlaw.htm>

Judge J. Flaherty (1978) in The Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. Civil Division. *McFall v Shimp* rendered his OPINION;

OPINION: "The question posed by the Plaintiff, is that, in order to save the life of one of its members by the only means available, may society infringe upon ones absolute right to his "bodily security."..."For a law to compel the Defendant to submit to an intrusion of his body would change every concept and principle upon which our society is founded. To do so would defeat the sanctity of the individual and would impose a rule which would know no limits and one could not imagine where the line would be drawn"..."Forceable extraction of living body tissue causes revulsion to the judicial mind. Such would raise the spectre of the swastika and the Inquisition, reminiscent of the horrors this portends... An Order will be entered denying the request for a preliminary injunction."

http://www.violence.de/prescott/letters/McFall_v_Shimp.pdf

Perinatal and postnatal circumcision (forceable extraction of living tissue) from healthy newborns for the benefit of others "causes revulsion to the judicial (and moral) mind".

<http://www.violence.de/prescott/truthseeker/genpl.html>

The newborn, infant or child is dependent upon all facets of culture to protect him/her from harm and injury where the IVth Amendment applies: *“The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated...”*
<http://www.montagunocircpetition.org/circ-human-rights-ethical-practice.pg>

An injunction against circumcision of male children that calls for the forceable removal of healthy penile tissue is requested and which is consistent with the principles of PL 104-208.

It should be recognized that the studies purporting reduction of HIV/AIDS are fatally flawed as they have not controlled for personal genital hygiene; and that an explanation is needed why Zulus, who do not circumcise their teen-age boys, have the same infection rate as the Xhosa people who do circumcise. The development of an effective Medwipe with a microbiocidal agent to neutralize the HIV would be as effective as circumcision in controlling HIV infections, as explained in my letter to Dr. Zerhouni of 23 January 2007. <http://www.violence.de/prescott/letters/Zerhouni-HIV-Circ.pdf>

I am copying this letter with attachments to President Barack Obama, First Lady Michelle Obama, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and DHHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, who are the defenders of children and women against violent assault, and for support of this request.

Enclosed are two copies of a DVD: *The Origins of Love & Violence: Sensory Deprivation and the Developing Brain* that contains additional professional and scientific resources on why and how Homo sapiens has become the most violent primate on this planet and what it will take to transform cultures of violence into cultures of peace.

Sincerely,

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