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Peter W. Carmel, M.D. President American Medical Association 515 N State St, Chicago, IL 60610

Phil Fontanarosa@jama-archives.org,
RE MEDICAL BENEFITS OF CIRCUMCISION JAMA 10.5.11

Dear Dr. Carmel,

As you are aware the American Medical Association voted to oppose the legal prohibition of male circumcision. You were quoted as saying:

"There is strong evidence documenting the health benefits of male circumcision, and it is a low-risk procedure, said Peter W. Carmel, M.D., AMA president. "Today the AMA again made it clear that it will oppose any attempts to intrude into legitimate medical practice and the informed choices of patients."

The genital mutilation of children is not a legitimate medical practice and parents have no right to give consent to a third party that harms its children. See enclosed letter of 26 October 2011 to Phil B. Fontanarosa, M.D. Executive Deputy Director JAMA who declined to publish my letter of dissent to AMA's position on this matter.

The American Medical Association is in violation of National, International and U.S. Constitutional Law that prohibits torture, particularly of children.

These arguments are summarized in the enclosed PETITION TO THE WORLD COURT, THE HAGUE. THE GREATEST CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY IS THE TORTURE & MUTILATION OF CHILDREN, which I am requesting that you publish in JAMA, which provides information not readably available to members of the AMA. The infant being circumcised is being tortured.

You are all too familiar with the physician's moral code: "First, Do No Harm" and you are

requested to provide "an agonizing reappraisal" of the actions of the AMA on circumcision and reverse your policy position that supports this practice.

Respectively,

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N.B. Enclosed is my **DVD**: THE ORIGINS OF LOVE & VIOLENCE: SENSORY DEPRIVATION AND THE DEVELOPING BRAIN. 2008, which describes the pathological brain-behavior development consequent to the perinatal/neonatal/postnatal trauma of failed mother infant/child affectional bonding. <a href="http://ttfuture.org/violence">http://ttfuture.org/violence</a>

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## AMA Meetina

## Adopts New Policies During Final Day of Semi-Annual

NEW ORLEANS, Nov 15, 201 (GlobeNewswire via COMTEX) -- The American Medical Association (AMA), the nation's largest physician organization, voted today during the closing session of its semi-annual policy-making meeting to adopt the following new policies:

## **Stop Legal Prohibition of Male Circumcision**

Ballot and other legal initiatives have recently been proposed in California that would ban infant male circumcision and penalize any physician who performed it. The AMA voted today to oppose any attempt to legally prohibit male infant circumcision.

"There is strong evidence documenting the health benefits of male circumcision, and it is a low-risk procedure, said Peter W. Carmel, M.D., AMA president. "Today the AMA again made it clear that it will oppose any attempts to intrude into legitimate medical practice and the informed choices of patients."