



**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB1389**  
**Public Health - Female Genital Mutilation**  
**FAVORABLE**

**TO: Chair**

**FROM: Lynn Mortoro, member of the Maryland Episcopal Public Policy Network (MEPPN)**

**DATE: March 10, 2026**

**Dear Chair Delegate J. Sandy Bartlett, Delegate Debra Davis and members of the House Judiciary Committee.**

**I am a retired Registered nurse and a mother and grandmother. There is not many things that are as horrific as the thought of a young girl undergoing this torture who has no chance to say no.**

**I am also a member of the Episcopal Church. The Church has long advocated for health care and prevention of abuse in children. The Church states that we are to: “Affirm and uplift ongoing efforts to educate and empower advocacy addressing violence against women and girls.”**

**Please pass this bill and help to protect our female children.**

**Thank you**

**The Maryland Episcopal Public Policy Network (MEPPN) requests a**

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