Dr. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Associates,

I pray you will read this from beginning to end with an open mind and heart. I have put a lot of time and thought into this letter. I also hope you will visit [www.doctorsopposingcircumcision.org](http://www.doctorsopposingcircumcision.org) to see the path some of your peers have chosen. You told me you choose to perform male circumcisions because you believe strongly in a mother’s right to choose. I wonder, if it was 1995 and female circumcision was still legal would you perform it if a mother chose it for her daughter? My guess is that you would not and so I ask you, shouldn’t baby boys have the same rights as baby girls? Legality does not equate to morality and there is an absurd double standard here. The penis was not created incorrectly and should no more be cut than a female’s genitals should be. **A woman should have a lot of rights when it comes to raising her child, but the right to have part of his penis cut off for a culturally created, medically unnecessary, cosmetic reason should not be one of those rights.** (I also oppose foot binding and neck rings.)

I beg you to stop performing this procedure in your office. Be a leader in this historical movement. One day male circumcision will be looked upon with the same disgust as female circumcision. Do you want to be remembered as a doctor who followed the crowd and performed a procedure that you wouldn’t even perform on your own children, or do you want to be remembered as one of the doctors who took a stand and started to create positive change?

At the very, very, very least, please, please, please include information in your new patient packet on why circumcision is not necessary and the many negative side effects to the procedure. Many parents WANT to hear that they don’t have to have it done to their sons and that their doctor supports that decision.

I urge you to get online, get on Facebook and join the many intact groups such as Your Whole Baby, The WHOLE Network, Saving our Sons and saddest of all, Circ Regret Parents. There is a growing movement to end this practice. There are men missing part of their penises who are devastated about what was done to them. There are mothers living with unending guilt for consenting to circumcision before they knew better.

Baby girls are now protected by law. One day baby boys will be as well. Until then, please do what you can to help protect them. **I have had over a dozen women tell me they have changed their views on the procedure because of information I have shared with them. Imagine the impact your office could have!**

The next time you are performing a circumcision, don’t go into autopilot, don’t self talk your way to a justification, don’t emotionally detach. Really look at that baby and ask yourself if what you’re doing is in the best interest of that baby boy.

I have always heard that doctors take an oath to “cause no harm” to their patients. Circumcision is harm. It is the removal of healthy skin. It is not medically necessary. It removes thousands of nerve endings. It changes sexual function. It causes the head of the penis to be constantly exposed and desensitized. It is performed without adequate painkiller. It causes painful adhesions and other problems that can drag on for years after the procedure is performed. It is irreversible.

Sincerely,