

**Minister for Health**

European  
Jewish Association  
att. Rabbi Menachem Margolin

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Dear Rabbi Menachem Margolin,

Thank you for your letter of 14 June 2018 to the Prime Minister, regarding the petition initiated by Intact Denmark calling for a ban on ritualized circumcision of male minors in Denmark.

The debate on ritual circumcision of boys is extremely complex, and involves a number of different aspects: The child's perspective, health considerations, consequences for religious communities in Denmark, security, ethical and legal considerations, reflections on foreign policy and safety implications.

When the Government - based on contributions from relevant authorities and stakeholders - weighs up the different considerations and dilemmas involved, we reject to introduce a ban on circumcision of boys. The Minister for Health recently confirmed this during a debate in the Danish Parliament.

Let me assure you that the Danish Government is in close dialogue with among others The Jewish Community in Denmark on the issue, and will continue to be so in the time to come. You may also be assured that the points of view of The Jewish Community are well known to the Government.

Yours Sincerely,



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