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President Trump
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Dear Mr. President,

As pro-life leaders from around the country, we are grateful for your stance as a defender of the weak and vulnerable—especially the unborn. Thank you for enforcing the Hyde Amendment, stopping all taxpayer-funded military abortion travel, reinstating the Mexico City policy, freezing significant federal funding of Planned Parenthood, pardoning pro-lifers convicted under the FACE Act by the Biden-Harris DOJ, rejoining the pro-life Geneva Consensus Declaration Coalition, and withdrawing from the pro-abortion World Health Organization.

We will be eternally grateful for the work you did during your first term to bring about the Supreme Court's overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, which set the stage for legislators in America to once again protect the unborn. Unfortunately, Democrats and the left are trampling on the rights of state legislators to implement the will of the people to protect life, and they are using the US Postal Service to do so. We respectfully ask that you take swift action to protect the rights of states to defend unborn children, in keeping with your campaign pledge to return the issue of abortion to the states.

The abortion drug mifepristone has quickly become the most common method of abortion in the US, now comprising over 60% of all abortions. We're grateful that in 2020 your Administration fought to protect women from the harms of mifepristone, in the face of litigation by woke and extremist progressive organizations that tried to leverage the COVID-19 pandemic as an excuse to undo longstanding FDA health and safety regulations surrounding mifepristone. But on December 15, 2021, the Biden/Harris administration removed the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) in person dispensing requirement for the distribution of this drug enabling it to be sent through the mail,¹ years after FDA inexplicably stopped collecting reports of any adverse events related to the drug other than death.

On December 23, 2022, despite longstanding federal law clearly prohibiting the mailing of any "article, instrument, substance, drug, medicine, or thing which is advertised or described in a manner calculated to lead another to use or apply it for producing abortion," or "[e]very article or thing designed, adapted, or intended for producing abortion",² the Biden/Harris Department of Justice issued an opinion stating that these prohibitions cannot be enforced unless the sender knows the abortion drugs will be used unlawfully and federal authorities are specifically aware of this intent.³

Since this erroneous DOJ opinion, #WeCount survey estimates 8,000 prescriptions of mifepristone per month (almost 100,000 per year) have been sent through the mail from abortionists in pro-abortion states to pro-life states.⁴

California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington, and the District of Columbia have all enacted abortion-by-zoom-shield-laws that explicitly state that they will harbor doctors, nurse practitioners, and midwives licensed in those states who prescribe and send mifepristone to pro-life states.⁵

Under these shield laws, these states will not cooperate with another state's efforts to investigate or bring abortionists violating pro-life state laws to justice. These shield laws are currently being tested and risk rendering the *Dobbs* decision a dead letter.

Many states have laws protecting against mifepristone not only because it kills an unborn child, but also because of the grave risk it poses to women.

The FDA label for mifepristone states fewer than 0.5 percent of women experience serious adverse reactions from mifepristone.⁶ However, data released April 28, 2025 examines 865,727 prescribed mifepristone abortions from 2017 to 2023 and demonstrates that 10.93 percent of women—22 times higher than the FDA reported 0.5 percent—experience sepsis, infection, hemorrhaging, or another serious adverse event within 45 days following a mifepristone abortion. The risk from mifepristone could jeopardize a mother's life.⁷⁸

Ectopic pregnancies account for 13% of all maternal deaths. Without an ultrasound, a pregnant mother would not know if her pregnancy was ectopic. If a woman with an ectopic pregnancy takes mifepristone, the drug regimen will not affect the embryo, and the embryo will continue to grow.⁹ A mother experiencing the severe pain caused by fallopian tube rupture may mistakenly think it is a consequence of her abortion—not complication of ectopic pregnancy that could kill her.

Other complications from mifepristone could render a woman unable to carry another child to term, even through IVF. When a woman is pregnant, she is typically tested for Rh negativity. If the pregnant mother is Rh negative, she receives prophylactic RhoGAM shot to prevent isoimmunization, a condition where the mother's immune system attacks unborn children across multiple pregnancies, potentially causing one or more fetus's deaths. A woman undergoing a mifepristone abortion may not know that she is Rh negative, and consequently, may not receive a protective RhoGAM shot. While an in-person visit would easily detect if a woman were Rh negative, thanks to the Biden/Harris administration, there is no longer a requirement for such a visit—leaving the possibility that women who do not receive this shot will not be able to carry future pregnancies to term.

Unfortunately, one can't rule out that mifepristone can even harm women who do not take it. Unborn babies who die from mifepristone abortions are often flushed down the toilet causing mifepristone to be detected in wastewater treatment facilities. Limited research shows that mifepristone acts as an endocrine disruptor that, to the extent it appears in our water supply, may be a contributing factor to infertility and miscarriage.¹⁰

Finally, when mifepristone is not dispensed in person, there is no way to verify who is taking it or to ensure they are doing so willingly. There is substantial evidence indicating that some women are forced to take the medication, sometimes unknowingly. This is exactly what happened in Louisiana where the law protects unborn children and their mothers from abortion.

New York abortionist Margaret Carpenter shipped mifepristone to a woman in Louisiana who coerced her pregnant daughter into an abortion. The daughter, who had planned a gender reveal party, experienced complications from the drug, bled heavily and was taken to the hospital by ambulance.¹¹

On February 12, 2025, Louisiana Governor Jeff Landry approved an extradition request for the radical New York abortionist who under Louisiana law faces up to 15 years in prison and \$200,000 in fines if convicted.¹²

In December 2024, this same abortionist shipped abortion drugs to a woman in Texas, another pro-life state. The woman, thought to be nine weeks pregnant, sought emergency care because of severe hemorrhaging.¹³ On February 13, 2025, a Texas judge ordered the abortionist to stop shipping the drugs and to pay a fine of \$100,000 plus attorney's fees.

In response to the indictments against abortionist Carpenter, New York Governor Kathy Hochul stated she would not sign the extradition order from the Governor of Louisiana. Additionally, following the legal action, Governor Hochul signed legislation to “enable providers who prescribe medications used to perform abortions to request that the dispensing pharmacy print the name of their practice on the label instead of their personal name.” Governor Hochul said, “If I don’t stand up and protect this doctor, who the hell will?”¹⁴

New York politicians have a history of weaponizing the government against their political opponents. Now, New York politicians are weaponizing the government against states that protect life.

Pro-abortionists and states like New York cannot continue to ignore the law and trample on states’ rights. States must be empowered to enforce pro-life laws, all the original safety protocols on mifepristone must be restored, and the FDA must investigate mifepristone, reconsidering its approval altogether. The lives of women and unborn children and the rights of states depend upon it.

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