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AMERICA

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Dear Representative,

I write to advise you that Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America, on behalf of our more than one million members from all 50 states, opposes H.Res. 1434, which seeks to assert a federal preemption of state pro-life laws protecting women and unborn children from dangerous chemical abortion drugs. Chemical abortion is a two-drug regimen, with mifepristone (Mifeprex or RU-486) first starving the baby of nutrients, and misoprostol then causing the dead baby to be expelled from her mother's body. We will score against H.Res. 1529, the rule which provides that H.Res. 1434 will be considered adopted upon passage of the rule.

Rep. Mondaire Jones's resolution entirely ignores the politicization and woeful inadequacy of the FDA's approval process of mifepristone, the proven risks to women and girls as a direct result of taking these pills, and the desire—and the right—of lawmakers at all levels of government and medical professionals to protect the unborn and their moms from these dangerous drugs. These reasons, among others, are at the heart of a recent lawsuit<sup>1</sup> brought against the FDA to remove these drugs from the market.<sup>2</sup>

An in-depth report published last year on the FDA's data on deaths and severe adverse events<sup>3</sup> found that the FDA's data is "woefully inadequate" in assessing the risks or safety of mifepristone. Incomplete and inaccurate data with miscoded events have left huge gaps in critical information. Still, with the data that could be found within the FDA adverse events reporting (AERs), there is evidence of at least 20 deaths, 529 life threatening events, and nearly 2000 severe events, including emergency hysterectomies and ruptured ectopic pregnancies. Equally concerning, the study indicated severe underreporting of a significant number of complications.

Another peer-reviewed study, this one reviewing Medicaid claims data, showed the rate of abortion-related emergency room visits following chemical abortions increased over 500% from 2002-2015, a greater increase than the rate of emergency room visits following surgical abortions. Additionally, more than 60% of chemical abortion-related emergency room visits were miscoded as miscarriages, obscuring the true impact of the abortion pill.<sup>4</sup> The FDA cannot afford to ignore these staggering numbers.

What Rep. Jones and supporters of the resolution fail to admit is the real, documented harms of chemical abortion, not only to the unborn children whose lives are tragically ended, but also to the women and girls who take these drugs, often alone and without medical screenings and follow up care. Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America strongly opposes and will score against H.Res. 1529, the rule that will consider as adopted H.Res. 1434.

Sincerely,

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President  
Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America

<sup>1</sup> <https://adfmedialegalfiles.blob.core.windows.net/files/AllianceForHippocraticMedicineComplaint.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.wsj.com/articles/lawsuit-filed-to-reverse-approval-access-to-abortion-pill-11668796816?reflink=desktopwebshare\\_permalink](https://www.wsj.com/articles/lawsuit-filed-to-reverse-approval-access-to-abortion-pill-11668796816?reflink=desktopwebshare_permalink)

<sup>3</sup> <https://issuesinlawandmedicine.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Deaths-and-Severe-Adverse-Events-after-the-use-of-Mifepristone-as-an-Abortifacient-from-September-2000-to-February-2019-copy5.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/23333928211053965>