

July 8, 2026

The Honorable Todd Blanche  
Acting Attorney General of the United States  
U.S. Department of Justice

Dear Acting Attorney General Blanche:

We write as women from different backgrounds, ages, and regions of the country. Today, we write together with one voice: as women who have been harmed by abortion drugs. We also write with urgency. The Department of Justice must act now to protect women by listening to and standing with Rosalie Markezich, rather than fighting against her in litigation.

Rosalie was a young woman in Louisiana who was happy to discover she was pregnant. She has publicly shared that when she saw the positive pregnancy test, she smiled. She wanted her baby. She worked with children, loved them, and did not reject the thought of motherhood. Yet according to her account, her then-boyfriend changed his mind, used her information to obtain abortion drugs by mail from a California abortionist, and pressured her to take them even though she did not want to end her pregnancy.

We grieve with Rosalie because many of us recognize parts of our own stories in hers: the pressure, the confusion, the fear, the absence of real medical care, and the feeling that the system was designed to move drugs faster than it was designed to protect women. No woman should be forced, pressured, deceived, or abandoned into taking drugs that end her child's life and place her own health at risk.

The FDA's illegal abortion drug policy is responsible for this danger, and it is the same policy the Department is defending in court. This is not abstract. Rosalie herself says, "If mail-order abortion wasn't a thing, I'm 100% sure I would have my child.... I do not believe a doctor would have prescribed me the drugs if I told her I did not want them."

These drugs were placed in her hands without an in-person medical visit, without meaningful screening for coercion, and without the protection of a medical professional who could have looked her in the eye and asked whether this was truly her choice. She has said the trauma still haunts her.

Acting Attorney General Blanche, we respectfully but urgently ask you to side with Rosalie Markezich and settle her legal case immediately so abortion drugs are no longer sent through the mail in ways that put women at risk. The federal government should not defend policies that make it easier for men, abusers, traffickers, or anyone else to obtain abortion drugs in a woman's name and pressure her to take them in isolation.

Rosalie is likely to win her case. A Fifth Circuit panel previously found that she and the state of Louisiana are "strongly likely" to succeed on their claim that the FDA's mail-order abortion rule

violates the Administrative Procedure Act. However, continued litigation will take months and months to resolve, and meanwhile more and more women and babies will be harmed.

Rosalie's courage should not be met with delay, dismissal, or continued litigation that leaves the same dangerous mail-order system in place. It should be met with action. Settling this case would send a clear message that women's safety matters, that coercion is real, that state laws protecting women and unborn children deserve respect, and that the Department of Justice will not ignore the real-world consequences of weakened abortion-drug safeguards.

We do not all share the same story, the same zip code, or the same season of life. But we are united in asking the Department of Justice to recognize the harm women have suffered and to act before more women are placed in similar danger.

For Rosalie, and for women and girls across the country who may never have the chance to tell their stories publicly, we ask you to act with urgency: side with Rosalie, settle the case, and help restore safeguards that can prevent further harm.

Respectfully,

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