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On behalf of CWALAC CEO and President Penny Nance
delivered at the United States House of Representatives in support of the

Ending Chemical Abortions Act of 2023

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Good morning, my name is Valerie Bynog, I am Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee's Legislative Strategist. I am here on behalf of Penny Nance, our CEO and President, to express our strong support for Rep. Andy Ogles's new legislation, the Ending Chemical Abortions Act of 2023. The hundreds of thousands of women we represent across the United States are deeply committed to the health and protection of every mother and child, and that is why we want to thank you, Congressman, for this pro-woman effort.

We know that chemical abortions are on the rise and now make up more than half of all abortions in the United States. This is deeply troubling. Chemical abortions not only end the life of a baby, but they seriously endanger the life of the mother as well.

Chemical abortion has a complication rate four times that of surgical abortion, and as many as one in five women will suffer a complication. CWALAC has heard from many mothers who have gone through the traumatic, life-altering experience of bleeding out scared and alone as the result of relying on the lies that this dangerous drug would be an easy way out of a painful situation.

Our organization is proud to represent thousands of Young Women for America members on college campuses all across the nation who are especially targeted by the abortion industry and unscrupulous pharmaceutical companies when they are most vulnerable. We have spoken with young women who recall hemorrhaging in their bathrooms alone, and ultimately having to race to an emergency room to get the critical care they need. And friends, these are not "one-off" stories, unfortunately. One study shows that chemical abortions are over 50% more likely to result in an ER visit within 30 days than surgical abortions.

Women deserve better than this. We must protect these vulnerable women. That is why Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee is proud to be standing here today in support of the Ending Chemical Abortions Act and why we are working on similar state efforts to stand up for every mother and their little ones.

Thank you!