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on the steps of the United States Supreme Court  
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***FDA v. Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine***

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Hello, everyone. Thank you for showing your support for life and women's safety. I come to you representing close to three hundred Young Women for America chapters in colleges and universities around the country, with hundreds of young conservative women who feel like the targets of the FDA's dereliction of duty.

These are young women who bear the scars of the pain abortion leaves on its trail, having witnessed it personally through their family members and friends. They are the ones bending down on a dorm room's bathroom shower floor, trying to help a friend who has just taken a chemical abortion drug—terrified of what is going to happen to them as they see their friend in deep pain, bleeding out and scared. "There should be a doctor here," they wonder, "what am I supposed to do?"

They have learned that the FDA has thrown them all to the curb to push a political agenda. So, yes, we are burning with righteous indignation for our sisters and friends, and we are here to urge the Supreme Court to hold them accountable.

No government agency should be allowed to bypass regular order and long-held safety standards to push a preferred political policy. The FDA has

sacrificed young women's safety, both emotionally and physically, at the altar of abortion without ever being required to justify its actions with the rigorous scientific evidence such a monumental decision demands.

That is why we are here to applaud the doctors standing for women and the Alliance Defending Freedom for representing women's interests in such an honorable, uncompromising way.

Women deserve better than what the FDA has given us. Young women demand better. We want doctors to provide us with more and better care, not to be permitted to escape accountability altogether by removing them from the procedure completely. Making young women perform their own abortions at home and deal with the consequences on their own is cruel and reckless. No just society should tolerate it.

The FDA should be held to account for its illegal approval of lowering the standards of care for women. We pray the Justices will see through their preposterous arguments and get down to the real consequences of allowing the FDA to exert such power illegally, and hoping that the passage of time will enable them to escape accountability.

Thank you.