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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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It is great to see so many pro-life, pro-women citizens gathered here. I come to you on behalf of the hundreds of thousands of women I represent as the President and CEO of Concerned Women for America. They, like you, believe the FDA has failed women with its politically-motivated rush to experiment with chemical abortion drugs on American women.

The public has grown increasingly skeptical of the FDA's objective commitment to public safety in recent years, as they witnessed the politicization of what should be straightforward, evidence-based decisions because of cases like the one before the Court today.

Scientific advancement and research did not drive the FDA's latest push to take away meaningful safety standards that were put in place to protect women's safety. Abortion politics is the driver. It is their political answer to the fall of *Roe* after the Supreme Court finally acknowledges in *Dobbs* what we all know from simply reading the Constitution: abortion is nowhere to be found within its text.

Big Abortion's answer to *Dobbs* is to expand the availability of DIY abortions, over the concerns of the medical community. We are thankful to the doctors involved in this case who have bravely fought

for vulnerable mothers in this case. They know the FDA's actions put their patients' health and safety at higher risk.

The removal of safeguards on the chemical abortion drug significantly increases the rate of emergency room visits for vulnerable women who genuinely need conscientious care and counsel, not a reckless, mail-order fix.

Mifepristone is used to terminate a pregnancy up to ten weeks, but the lack of medical oversight and access to emergency medical assistance can be fatal to young women taking it alone and late in pregnancy. This drug blocks the mother's natural production of "progesterone" for her child, cutting off blood and nourishment for the baby. The unborn child begins to starve to death. Between 24-48 hours later, the woman takes Misoprostol, which causes the mother to contract and bleed to force the child out of the womb.

This procedure is a terrible ordeal. It is *not*, as Big Abortion enabled by the FDA wants to portray it, like taking an Advil. The fact that around one out of every 25 women end up in the emergency room easily disproves that.

We call on the Supreme Court to stand on the side of women and public safety and against the FDA's abuse of administrative power in this case. Women deserve better than this!