

Dear Representative:

On behalf of over 100 undersigned organizations, we urge you to strongly oppose attacks on mifepristone in the FY24 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. Rep. Rosa DeLauro has introduced an amendment that would strike an extreme and harmful provision in the bill that attempts to politicize the FDA and limit its authority and reject years of scientific and medical expertise. **We the undersigned groups support this amendment and oppose all attacks on medication abortion and support the FDA's independent scientific-decision making authority.**

The bill includes a harmful new rider that attempts to force back in place burdensome, medically unnecessary restrictions [FDA lifted](#) earlier this year after extensive, evidence-based review. Specifically, in January 2023, the FDA lifted the medically unnecessary in-person dispensing requirement on mifepristone, allowing pharmacists to dispense in certified pharmacies, including mail-order pharmacies, to patients with a prescription.

Mifepristone is incredibly safe. It is supported by hundreds of studies and has a proven safety and effectiveness record of 99%. Mifepristone has been used by more than 5 million people for more than two decades and is one of two medications commonly used in medication abortions that accounts for more than half of all abortions across the country. Mifepristone has helped ensure that patients are able to make their own private medical decisions, and it has [expanded access to essential, time-sensitive reproductive health care](#) — something that is very clearly under threat in this country.

Banning or restricting access to mifepristone across the country would most severely impact people living in medically underserved communities, especially people of color and people with low incomes, who already face barriers to care due to systemic inequities in our country's health care system.

The vast majority of Americans support reproductive freedom. [85% of Americans want abortion to be legal](#). New, repeated [polling](#) has demonstrated that people want mifepristone to remain [on the market](#) and accessible. In addition, the majority of people trust the FDA and want the agency to remain an independent body that is permitted to follow the medicine and science. People deserve to access the medication they need and providers should be able to provide that medication without unnecessary interference from politicians.

This harmful new rider is another attack on our fundamental freedom to make decisions about our own bodies. It is imperiling critical legislation by attaching ideological policy provisions that have no place in annual appropriations bills. Despite overwhelming public support for abortion access, this rider is an attempt to interfere with the FDA's process, restrict mifepristone access, and deny our communities and providers what they need.

Right now, despite intentional confusion, patients can still access mifepristone in states where abortion is legal and providers are doing everything possible to ensure patients can get the care they need. Lawmakers should be doing everything possible to support patients and providers and should be supporting the FDA's independent decision making and authority. Under no circumstances should lawmakers be using the appropriations process to further attack access to essential care.

Sincerely,

Planned Parenthood Federation of America  
Physicians for Reproductive Health  
A Woman's Choice clinics - Charlotte, Greensboro, Raleigh, NC and Jacksonville, FL  
Abortion Access Front  
Abortion Care Network  
Abortion Coalition for Telemedicine Access  
ACLU  
All\* Above All Action Fund  
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
American Humanist Association  
American Medical Student Association (AMSA)  
American Medical Women's Association  
American Sexual Health Association  
American Society for Emergency Contraception  
American Society for Reproductive Medicine  
Americans United for Separation of Church and State  
Amnesty International USA  
Blue Mountain Clinic  
Brigid Alliance  
Cambridge Reproductive Health Consultants  
Cedar River Clinics  
Center for American Progress  
Center for Biological Diversity  
Center for Reproductive Rights  
CenterLink: The Community of LGBTQ Centers  
Choix  
Cobalt Advocates  
Community Catalyst  
Concerned Citizen  
EMAA Project  
Equality California  
Faith Choice Ohio  
Family Planning Associates Medical Group  
FORGE, Inc.  
Gender Justice  
Grandmothers for Reproductive Rights (GRR!)  
Guttmacher Institute  
Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America  
Healthy Futures  
Healthy Teen Network  
Ibis Reproductive Health  
If/When/How: Lawyering for Reproductive Justice  
In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda  
ineedana.com  
Institute for Women's Policy Research  
interACT: Advocates for Intersex Youth  
Interfaith Alliance  
Ipas  
Jacobs Institute of Women's Health  
Jewish Women International

July Medical Services, LLC dba Hope Medical of Penacola  
Just The Pill/Abortion Delivered  
Los Angeles LGBT Center  
Louisiana Coalition for Reproductive Freedom  
Mabel Wadsworth Center  
Medical Students for Choice  
Midwest Access Coalition  
Minority Veterans of America  
NARAL Pro-Choice America  
National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum  
National Center for Lesbian Rights  
National Council of Jewish Women  
National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association  
National Health Law Program  
National Immigration Law Center  
National Institute for Reproductive Health  
National Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice  
National LGBTQ Task Force  
National Network to End Domestic Violence  
National Organization for Women  
National Partnership for Women & Families  
National Women's Health Network  
National Women's Law Center  
PAI  
Partners in Abortion Care  
Population Institute  
Positive Women's Network-USA  
Power to Decide  
Pregnancy Justice  
Presidential Women's Center, LP  
Pro-Choice North Carolina  
Provide  
Public Justice Center  
Reproaction  
Reproductive Freedom Fund of New Hampshire  
Reproductive Health Access Project  
Reproductive Health Initiative for Telehealth Equity & Solutions, a fiscally sponsored project of  
the Hopewell Fund  
RH Impact: The Collaborative for Equity & Justice  
Rhia Ventures  
Robbinsdale Clinic, PA  
Sciencecorps  
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)  
SHERo Mississippi  
SIECUS: Sex Ed for Social Change  
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine  
State Innovation Exchange (SiX) Action  
UC Davis  
UCSF Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health  
UltraViolet Action  
Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice

URGE: Unite for Reproductive and Gender Equity  
We Testify  
Women's Law Project  
YWCA USA