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ABORTION PILLS ARE ANTI-WOMEN. FEMINISTS SUPPORT THE TEXAS RULING.

Rochester, NY— The U.S. Supreme Court may soon decide the fate of chemical abortion. Conflicting federal court decisions regarding medication abortion have thrust the abortion debate back into the public spotlight, but this time health risks to women rather than the lives of unborn children are front and center.

In response to the Texas and Washington federal court rulings, Feminists Choosing Life of New York (FCLNY), a human rights organization, issues the following commentary:

“Chemical abortions destroy [human beings](#) and [increase health risks](#) to women and girls, plain and simple,” states Michele Sterlace, FCLNY’s Executive Director. “Without safeguards in place, dispensing abortion pills helps fuel the [sex trafficking industry](#) and [domestic violence](#), of which victims regularly undergo coerced abortions.”

FCLNY Advisory Board Member, Dr. D.J. Robinson, questions the safety of the abortion pill, “How can the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) allow a drug to be distributed freely without regard to the emotional and psychological effects it has on a patient with no access to mental health follow up?” Robinson, a womanist theologian, also has her degree in wellness therapy.

According to Katheryne Hassman, PharmD, a NYS Pharmacist and Advisory Board Member with FCLNY, “It is [well documented](#) that chemical abortion is [potentially dangerous](#) for mothers, especially for those whose pregnancies are more than 10 weeks or ectopic. Medication abortion’s own [prescribing information](#) explains that its risks include, hemorrhaging, fever, incomplete abortion and other complications such as ongoing pregnancy, infection, endometritis, uterine blood clots and/or rupture. “

“The [founders of the feminist movement](#) opposed abortion, the killing of the unborn. The excessive access to abortion that third and fourth wave feminists are fighting for today is a far cry from women’s empowerment. It is limiting, degrading and harmful,” claims Emily Cappello, FCLNY’s outreach coordinator. She adds, “Women do not need more abortion, we need more life-affirming resources, including affordable child care, better paid parental leave, prenatal child support and expanded child tax credit policies.”

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