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### FEMINISTS STAND AGAINST ABORTION PILL ACCESS

Rochester, NY—The fate of [chemical abortion](#) is once again lodged within the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, this time it's temporarily within the hands of a conservative three-judge panel. Oral arguments are set to take place on the matter as early as Wednesday, May 17th.

The U.S. Supreme Court may [soon again](#) change the course of history regarding abortion, this time concerning **chemical abortion**. Constitutional scholars report a decision will be potentially rendered by the end of this year or next. There is need for the High Court to ultimately determine whether [Mifepristone](#) (one of two pills required to complete a chemical abortion) was properly approved by the Food and Drug Administration (F.D.A.), whether it's dangerous or not, or whether safeguards are necessary.

**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 not only kills unborn children and jeopardizes the well-being of women, but helps fuel the [sex trafficking industry](#) and [domestic violence](#), of which victims regularly undergo coerced abortions.
- “Receiving abortion pills in the mail instead of in person eliminates an important opportunity for vulnerable women to be identified by trained professionals,” adds Sterlace. “Women deserve, at minimum, the **basic safeguards** that the Fifth Circuit put into place (4/13/23) and which the U.S. Supreme Court temporarily blocked (4/21/23) including: in person dispensing of mifepristone, limiting abortion pill consumption for women whose unborn children are seven weeks gestational age or younger, and the requirement to report all adverse events.”

FCLNY Advisory Board Member, Dr. D.J. Robinson, questions the safety of the abortion pill,

- “How can the F.D.A 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.

Further, she states, “**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.” Cappello adds,

- “The resolution to amend the **New York State Constitution** enshrining abortion rights is set for a referendum vote in November, 2024. If ratified, this amendment would likely permanently enjoin future NY legislatures from enacting any common sense regulations surrounding chemical abortion. The pending NY Constitutional Amendment would **silence voices of future generations** and **disallow women to speak for themselves** concerning reproductive health and safety standards.”

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