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## Supreme Court Should Protect Women From Dangerous Abortion Pills

**Ashley Leenerts**

The Supreme Court of the United States heard oral arguments reviewing whether the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) followed proper protocol in loosening safeguards on the abortion pill mifepristone. If the Court decides that the FDA acted unlawfully, distribution of the abortion pill would be significantly limited.

Abortionists could no longer send the pill through the mail, even in pro-abortion states, and use of the pill would be limited to earlier in pregnancy.

This case was brought by four national medical associations, four doctors, and Alliance Defending Freedom, asserting that the FDA overstepped its authority in waiving safety guidelines.

The FDA first approved the abortive use of mifepristone in 2000 under President Bill Clinton. It could only be used up to 7 weeks in pregnancy and had to be distributed in-person by a physician. In 2016, the FDA eventually loosened these requirements, allowing use up to 10 weeks in pregnancy, despite the increased risk of complications that accompanies use later in pregnancy.

Most recently, the Biden-led FDA removed the in-person visit requirement, permitting chemical abortions to be sent in the mail.

The use of abortion pills has skyrocketed following FDA's decisions to expand the guidelines. Abortion pills are the primary method by which abortions are performed in the United States. One in five women will suffer a complication due to taking an abortion pill and one in twenty will have to visit the emergency room. Of course, every successful abortion will result in the death of an innocent child. But the loosening of these safety restrictions additionally endangers women.

This lawsuit does not ask the court to take mifepristone off the market for all purposes. This ruling would only apply to its use in chemical abortions. While miscarriage treatment can involve similar procedures and drugs as elective abortion, removing a deceased child who passed away by miscarriage is legally and morally different than intentionally ending a child's life, and is therefore not defined as an elective abortion.

Apro-life ruling from the U.S. Supreme Court in this case could reduce abortions even in liberal states by limiting the drug's use to earlier in pregnancy and requiring an in-person visit to a physician.

The court cannot change the status quo in pro-life states like Texas where the Right to Life of all preborn children is legally recognized. Elective abortion is illegal in Texas, but criminal activists traffic abortion pills into the state.

Even if the Supreme Court forces the FDA to heavily regulate chemical abortions, this will not slow down the tens of thousands of abortion pills illegally being mailed into Texas right now from foreign pharmacies via illegal websites.

We pray for victory at the Supreme Court, but we can't forget the mission to save babies from illegal abortions.

Ashley Leenerts writes for Texas Right to Life

—LifeNews.com, April 2, 2024



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## Our Purpose:

...To raise the consciousness of the nursing profession to protect all human life from conception until natural death

...To form an educated core of nurses who can speak for their profession by acting as a community resource for life issues

...To promote public education and awareness about life issues on both ends of the spectrum, from abortion to euthanasia

...To uphold and defend human life in all stages and conditions of development

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Diane Trombley, RN, BSN

Dear Colleagues,

Most of us are old enough to remember the song, *King of the Road*. Some of the lyrics mention "trailer for sale or rent." Well, we have moved on from trailers to wombs!

Recently signed legislation here in Michigan include the option of forming a contractual agreement, with monetary recompense, with a surrogate to pay her for gestating the child of a person who cannot conceive a child in the usual way.

Our governor felt very good about this part of the Reproductive Health Act, saying it was a step forward in reproductive rights and would help build families. That may be true but most often such contracts include a duty to abort a child who may be disabled, or no longer wanted. Unborn babies can now be purchased for whatever sum the parties decide.

There are those who now argue about what an abortion is. The argument is surrounded by either a total ignorance of what life in the womb is, or a tongue-in-cheek way of avoiding the stigma of abortion. For example, Jessica Dugger of TV fame, was accused of having an abortion after her child died in utero and she underwent a D & C.

I have recently read the opinion of an abortion provider who believes that unborn children give "permission" to the mothers for the abortions.

Michigan will soon be asked to approve active euthanasia.

The Alabama Supreme Court recently ruled that babies conceived via IVF and stored as embryos are persons and cannot simply be discarded in the biohazard bin or ground up in the trash disposal. Then, the state legislature quickly passed a law saying that no one who destroyed "left over" embryos would be prosecuted.

People are angry. On our roads, in public gatherings, on public transportation, in our schools—people act out in sometimes deadly ways.

Where am I going with this? What, or who, is the victim in all of these examples? Obviously, human life. I have no way of knowing if the architects of *Roe v. Wade* ever dreamed where the consequences of this would go, but I remember the words of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. She said, "the *Roe v. Wade* decision is on a collision course with itself."

She was more correct than she knew because the cheapening of life that was created by *Roe*, has spread to all aspects of living. Can we stop it? That is the million-dollar question. I believe we can. I believe there are enough people in our world who will work toward that end. I believe we, nurses and other health care professionals, can change it. I also believe that if we are to survive as a society, as a nation, as a culture, we have no choice.

Love Life! Diane



## Planned Parenthood

In its 2022-2023 annual report, Planned Parenthood reported that they had performed **392,715** abortions. An article in *National Review* reported that in 2022, Planned Parenthood received **670.4 million dollars** in federal dollars—this in spite of the Hyde Amendment which prohibits federal dollars being spent on abortion.

### MNFL Membership Renewals are Due

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*Happy Mother's Day!*

# Coerced abortion is much more widespread than we think

## Dave Andrusko

Often times when words or phrases are set inside quotation marks, it's a signal that the reader is not to take them seriously. For example, "bills related to 'abortion coercion,' 'trafficking' advance in Republican-led legislatures."

Adding "Republican-led legislatures"—as Kelcie Moseley-Morris does—strongly suggests that only Republicans believe abortion coercion exists and therefore—of course—it's all hype.

Moseley-Morris talks about one such bill, which is on the desk of the governor of Kansas, which tells us the legislature takes coercion seriously:

**House Bill 2436: This bill addresses "abortion coercion," making it a felony to pressure someone into an abortion, including doctors, family members and partners. After amendments in the Senate, penalties increased to one year in jail and a \$5,000 fine for all offenders, but a \$10,000 fine if the person charged was the father of the fetus. In the case of coercion that happens in conjunction with rape, stalking, blackmail, human trafficking or other criminal offenses, the court could impose a sentence of 25 years, according to the *Kansas Reflector*.**

But how often are women coerced into an abortion, which makes a mockery of "choice"?

Tessa Longbons and David C. Reardon did a scholarly examination and found that coercion is anything but rare. (The underlining is mine.)

**Abortion pressure and coercion constitute one of the most widespread but hidden epidemics in America, and one of the least covered by the media. Our latest research shows that these insidious influences are tragically far more common than most people realize.**

**Recently, we conducted a survey of more than 1,000 American women between the ages of 41 and 45, including over 200 women who acknowledged having had abortions. The results show that close to 70 percent of the women who had abortions described them as coerced, pressured, or inconsistent with their own values and preferences. A majority experienced pressure from other people in their lives—belying the dangerous assumption that abortion is strictly a matter of "a woman's choice."**

Chemical abortions—induced by abortion pills—are ripe for abuse. *NRL News Today* has run many stories of boyfriends and husbands who unbeknownst to the women in their lives have abortion pills sent to a home address.



As Longbons and Reardon explain:

**The FDA's approval of mail-order abortion pills has only heightened the risk of coercion. Under this distribution model, prescribers of abortion pills can't tell whether an abusive boyfriend is hovering in the room during a phone call, or whether a trafficker is really the one filling out the online order form. With mailed pills, they have no way of knowing where the abortion pills ultimately end up—or who takes them.**

Longbons and Reardon remind us in their conclusion:

**No matter our opinions on abortion, Americans can agree that no woman should have to endure an abortion that, in her heart of hearts, isn't actually what she wants.**

Alas, I'm not as sure as they are that "Americans can agree."  
—*National Right to Life News*, April 16, 2024

## Parents, Be Informed

Parents in Michigan should be on guard! The governor and her allies in the state legislature are determined to further chip away at parental rights, intent on overturning parental consent for a minor girl seeking an abortion in Michigan. This is not the first time that parental consent for abortions has been threatened.

### Upcoming Events

#### CELEBRATION OF LIFE DINNER

Tuesday, May 7 - San Marino Club, Troy  
Speaker: Frank Pavone, Director, Priests for Life  
For information: 248-816-1546

#### NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ABORTED CHILDREN

September 14  
Contact RTL - LIFESPAN at 734-524-0162

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## The Mommy Poet



**D**o you know that feeling when you wake up in the middle of the night and it's cold and your diaper feels heavy?

And there are so many strange sounds all around you, and it's dark and scary.

And you get a hit in your head and it's your hand that's on its own adventure. And you can't control it at all and it flings itself around and scratches your face and pulls at your hair.

And your legs start kicking off the duvet, even though you're cold as it is and you try to make it stop, but they have their own will.

And so you're lying there completely helpless with flailing limbs that want to do everything, but none of the things you want.

And you can't find mom. And you call for her and you find yourself feeling really scared.

What if your beloved mom doesn't come for you?

You can't imagine anything worse and you start to cry because you miss her so terribly. You have never felt as alone as this very moment.

And then she is suddenly there. Standing right by your bed and

looking at you with worry and love. And she is the most beautiful thing you've ever seen. And you grin up at her with happiness and relief. You don't think you've ever felt as happy as this very moment.

And she picks you up and holds you close. And she smells like herself, and also a bit like you.

Like milk and safety and love. And it's the best smell in the whole entire world.

And she is warm and safe and soft and her hands caress you and she feeds you and hums your favourite tune. And you love her voice. You've known it far longer than you've really known her. It has lulled you to sleep and made you laugh and calmed you when you were distressed. It is the most beautiful voice in the whole entire world.

And you get to lie right up against her and you feel your entire body start to warm up again. And your still cold hand starts stroking her and moves up towards her neck and accidentally scratches her. Stupid uncontrollable hand. But mom doesn't get angry. She takes your stupid hand in hers and it turns all warm again. And this is the best feeling in the world. Right here in mommy's arms, with your hand in hers. Even the diaper doesn't feel as horrible anymore.

And you feel your eyes getting heavy and you know that everything is okay now cause mommy is here. Your mom. Your wonderful, incredible mom who always looks after you. Night and day.

You look up at her one last time before you fall asleep. She looks tired and her eyes are closed, and yet she is still the most magnificent thing you know. How amazing that she wants to sit here with you in this moment. How amazing that she will always sit with you for a bit when you need her to.

You smile to yourself. How lucky you were that she became your mom. The most perfect mom anyone could have asked for. You knew, even before you saw her, that she would be the best thing in the world.

Oh, how you love her. Your mom.

—Anonymous