



Christian Voices for Life

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Landmark Case vs. FDA about Abortion Drugs



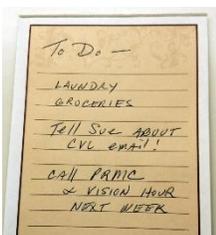
Education: On 11/18/22, a lawsuit was filed against the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for failing to abide by its legal obligations to protect the health, safety, and welfare of girls and women, by approving chemical abortion drugs which pose significant health risks. In order to approve the drugs in 2000, the FDA used its accelerated drug approval authority, characterized pregnancy as an “illness” and argued that these drugs provide a “meaningful therapeutic benefit” over existing treatments. (1) The suit states that “the FDA needed to disavow science and the law because the FDA never studied the safety of the drugs under the labeled conditions of use despite being required to do so...” The lawsuit was filed by the Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine, the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the American College of Pediatricians, Christian Medical & Dental Associations, and 4 individual doctors. The suit was filed by attorneys from the [Alliance Defending Freedom](https://www.adflegal.org/) (ADF) a legal organization committed to protecting religious freedom, free speech, the sanctity of life, parental rights, and God's design for marriage and family. (2)

The FDA also removed the few safeguards that were originally in place. They reduced the number of required in-person doctor visits, expanded who could prescribe and administer chemical abortion drugs beyond medical doctors, and eliminated the requirement for abortionists to report non-fatal complications. In 2021, the FDA announced that it would allow chemical abortion drugs to be sent through the mail—in direct violation of longstanding federal law. Mail-order, at-home abortions skip necessary medical examinations to protect women against possible fatal outcomes, and also allows for the possibility of women being given the abortion drug in food or drink without their knowledge. (2) A Texas man who was separated from his wife and unhappy with her pregnancy was recently indicted for attempting to cause the death of the baby by giving his wife water containing the abortion drug. (3)

1. <https://adflegal.org/sites/default/files/2022-11/Alliance-for-Hippocratic-Medicine-v-FDA-2022-11-18-Complaint.pdf>
2. <https://adflegal.org/press-release/doctors-health-care-groups-sue-fda-approving-dangerous-chemical-abortion-drugs>
3. <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/texas-man-mason-herring-accused-of-slipping-abortion-drug-in-wifes-drinks/>



Prayer: Dear Father God, please have mercy on women who are experiencing a crisis pregnancy. Help them to trust in You and to find the support they need to cope with the pregnancy and resist any coercion they may be facing. Help those who are considering a chemical abortion learn about the serious risks and dangers that exist. Help those who have taken the abortion pill listen to their heart to want to save their baby, and learn, at www.abortionpillreversal.com, how they can seek help to reverse the effect of the pill.



Action: Please pray for the success of this lawsuit to help prevent the abortion drugs from causing serious harm to women and girls. Look for opportunities to tell your family and friends that chemical abortions are dangerous, especially if done at home without medical supervision. With over half of all abortions already being done with pills, and the pills being available online for women in states where abortion is now illegal, even more women may choose to use them, at great risk to their health.