

Ingrid Newkirk
People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals
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Dear Ms. Newkirk,

With respect to your mission at PETA and your goal of protecting animals from experimentation and abuse, I reach out to you today on a point where our missions align.

With more than half of America's abortions now committed with Chemical Abortion Pills (mifepristone and misoprostol), sending human remains, placenta tissue, and potent chemicals into the wastewater system, we have to ask a critical question: what's happening to the environment?

As Students for Life of America illustrates in a number of Citizen Petitions to the FDA, NIH-published studies show that the on-going active ingredients in the Chemical Abortion Pills continue to have an effect, mean that which impacts the reproductive life of human beings also can impact the reproductive life of aquatic and animal life.

Right now in the United States, a great experiment has actively been taking place over more than 20 years that puts aquatic life and the lives of many endangered species at risk through negligence. Through the flushing of chemically tainted human remains, tissue, and blood, active metabolites from Mifepristone are entering the water cycle.

These active metabolites are endocrine disruptors, and more specifically block progesterone which can potentially cause an inability for those animals exposed to get pregnant and/or stay pregnant. At most risk are those animals in habitats where water treatment facilities release treated water back into a local water source and those animals dependent on that habitat as a food source.

We at Students for Life of America (SFLA) and Students for Life Action (SFLAction) have been actively working to stop this great experiment, calling for Red Bag Medical Waste requirements to capture tainted remains before they reach the water supply. This should be the bare minimum to mitigate this pharmaceutical pollutant's harm. It is the kind of requirement for medical waste that is routinely demanded.

Students for Life of America | Students for Life Action 1000 Winchester St. Suite 301, Fredericksburg, VA 22401 | 540.834.4600 StudentsforLife.org | StudentsforLifeAction.org Other industries do not receive permission for government-sanctioned, corporate dumping of medical waste. The Abortion Industry should not receive tacit permission to pollute.

However, we have not had a response yet to that outreach, which is why we find ourselves acting through legislation and legal steps that we are challenging you to join.

We have compiled information, studies, and research on the environmental that we encourage you to peruse in depth to get the full understanding of what is at risk at: ThisIsChemicalAbortion.com/ environmental-impact/

We urge you to join our efforts to protect the environment and endangered species by stopping the practice of dumping medical waste that is chemically tainted into our waterways by joining our call to legislators to support "Red Bag Medical Waste Requirements" that are used to capture and treat medical waste to protect the environment.

We represent over 1,400 Students for Life groups across the nation and the hundreds of thousands that consider themselves a part of the Pro-Life Generation. We have a rising concern that abortions are no longer only affecting a woman and her child, but our environment in such a way that puts life at risk – from the smallest of aquatic life near water treatment facilities to the human beings subject to drinking the water out of their faucets.

Water is a precious resource for all on our planet and we must work together to ensure that it is as safe as possible and "Red Bag Medical Waste Requirements" are one step towards that goal.

We hope to hear from you soon on this matter and we plan to come knocking on your door for an answer soon with the Pro-Life Generation in tow. We hope you join us!

Regards,

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