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Dear Pharmacy Professionals, Business Owners, and Managers,

The reckless effort to coerce medical professionals into the business of abortion, especially regarding the distribution of Chemical Abortion Pills for profit, is headed to neighborhood pharmacies like yours.

Corporate abortion advocates in the United States have used the *Food and Drug Administration* (FDA) to reduce the health and safety standards (REMS – Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy) around the distribution of this two-pill combination that is sold to end preborn babies' lives in the womb. But the risks they are willing to place on mothers and children to further their business interests could result in injuries to patients that you – as a *pharmacist, pharmacy business owner, or corporate executive* – could be held accountable for, with business-ending, license-revoking results, along with felony prosecution.

We urge you to avoid the many complications of Chemical Abortion Pills and choose not to “Opt-In” to distributing these drugs, preserving your business as a life-saving enterprise to support all those, *born and preborn*, who receive your care and attention.

As [*Students for Life of America* \(SFLA\) has reported](#), a study this spring from the *Ethics and Public Policy Center* (EPPC) titled [*“The Abortion Pill Harms Women”*](#) found that the FDA has dramatically underestimated issues and side effects. “Serious adverse events from mifepristone are approximately **22 times more frequent**” than the FDA originally reported, which means that **more than 1 in 10 patients will “experience at least one serious adverse event.”**

EPPC reports: “10.93 percent of women experience sepsis, infection, hemorrhaging, or another serious or life-threatening adverse event **within 45 days** following a mifepristone abortion, far greater than the summary figure of ‘less than 0.5 percent’ in clinical trials reported on the drug label.”

No-Test, Online distribution of Chemical Abortion Pills exposes mothers to injury, infertility, death, and abusers who can use the drugs against women without their knowledge and consent, which has already happened. Infertility in particular is already a known risk, as 15% of the population is Rh-negative and therefore vulnerable to aggressive antibodies forming when an infant's and a mother's blood mix in birth,

miscarriage, or abortion. A blood test to determine Rh-negative status and follow-up treatment with injections of Rh immunoglobulin would address that reality, except that the No Pre-Screening Distribution of Chemical Abortion Pills does not provide that protection for women.

Despite that fact that currently too many Chemical Abortion Pill distributors ignore such tests, in years to come, women may want to hold accountable those who did not warn them of the risks of infertility or provide needed care.

In any distribution model that does not include a physical exam, a mother's possibly false perception of how far along she is in pregnancy could also lead to horrific complications, as would a failure to diagnose an ectopic pregnancy, which cannot be ended with the pills and can lead to dangerous side effects for the mother if attempted.

Other risks totally ignored are [potential environmental issues](#), such as the chemically tainted blood and placenta tissue, along with human remains, which are flushed into the nation's waterways because the reckless, home-based model does not currently demand Red Bag Medical Waste disposal for the pathological medical waste that will result from the abortion. States across the country are examining legislation to hold legally accountable those who profit from such dumping.

In an amicus brief, SFLA notes that the lack of testing extends to environmental concerns, as the deadly ingredients remain active after passing through a woman's body. The legal issues with the drugs, which indicate possible human and environmental harms, signal a need to step back from such controversial widespread distribution.

In addition to exposing customers to extreme health risks, the pharmacists engaged in this business can be vulnerable to felony charges if using a common method of delivering drugs by mail. The Biden Administration insisted that certain laws, like the *Comstock Act*, which prohibits the mailing of abortifacients, would not apply to those engaged in the business of abortion, but this is not guaranteed under a new administration.

As [SFLA has reported](#): The federal *Comstock Act* said that the U.S. Postal Service could not be used to send abortion-inducing drugs or devices. Prohibitions against mailing contraception were dropped, some of them after court cases. But the law stands when it comes to stopping the mailing of abortifacients, defined as things with the intent of ending a preborn life ... Mailing the life-ending drugs is crucial to the abortion industry's business model and common in the pharmacy business.

You can read 18 U.S. Code § 1461 – Mailing obscene or crime-inciting matter – at the [Cornell Law School website, here](#) and the words are not hard to understand, explicitly saying that using the mail service to further an abortion is a crime, with penalties of up to **5 years per violation, along with a fine**.

To be clear, this letter should serve as notice of possible felony offenses if abortion-causing drugs are being ordered, received, and mailed. This is another reason to

decline to “Opt-In” to a business model that has so many dangers associated with it – for women, for the preborn, and for those who facilitate that end of life.

Another harm to consider is the violation of individual pharmacists' conscience rights, as they are asked to HARM babies in the womb who are patients that deserve love, respect, and care. This will almost certainly lead to additional legal challenges.

Our organization and others will be drawing the public's attention to the fact that life-affirming care is an option that can be chosen by staying out of the business of abortion.

That's a choice Costco recently made, and we urge others to follow suit. We will be highlighting chains and stores that choose to focus on that which extends life – not ends life. And to those choosing the end life, we ask that they “Opt-Out” of distributing abortifacients, to welcome all customer.

In light of all the medical & legal risks associated with Chemical Abortion Pills, we urge you to refrain from distributing Chemical Abortion Pills and decline to “Opt-In” as required by the REMS for legal sales in the United States.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristan Hawkins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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