



Supreme Court to Take Up Case on Abortion Pill

The Supreme Court [announced today that it will take up the FDA appeal](#) of *FDA v. Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine*. The Fifth Circuit court issued a ruling reinstating restrictions on the abortion pill mifepristone, with the Supreme Court in April issuing a stay [maintaining the FDA approval during legal proceedings](#).

In March 2016 the FDA [lifted restrictions on mifepristone under the 2000 FDA approval](#), extending the restriction from the first seven weeks to the first 10 weeks of pregnancy. In 2021, the FDA allowed a generic version of the pill to be mail-ordered, and removed the requirement that a doctor needed to be present to dispense the pill.

The Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) filed a lawsuit in November 2022 challenging the FDA approval of mifepristone in 2000 under which the FDA characterized pregnancy as an illness. ADF Senior Counsel Julie Marie Blake [said in a press release that mifepristone is dangerous to mothers](#), and does not provide a therapeutic benefit: “Pregnancy is not an illness, and chemical abortion drugs don’t provide a therapeutic benefit — they end a baby’s life and they pose serious and life-threatening complications to the mother.”

The ADF also said the mail-order availability of the drug is a health risk to women: “This decision puts girls and women at additional risk from chemical abortion drugs since mail-order, at-home abortions skip necessary medical examinations to ensure that girls and women do not have conditions that could lead to fatal outcomes.



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