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Dear Members of Congress,

A shocking new report details how the Biden Administration's obsession with death by elective abortion has created an abortion drug cartel at the Mexican border, another crisis that Congress must prepare to address after the election. As the *Washington Post* recently observed in an article titled, ["Covert network provides pills for thousands of abortions in U.S. post Roe,"](#) a growing army of activists is funneling pills from Mexico into states that have banned abortion." Given the stakes for American women, Students for Life Action and the Pro-Life Generation call on Congress to demand that the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) investigate and prevent drugs crimes that include abortion pills, as well as requiring a new environmental impact study by the FDA and EPA given the widespread use – including illegal use – of pills sold to cause death by abortion. When Congress reconvenes, addressing an emerging abortion pill cartel must be a priority.

As with other drugs prohibited by states, Chemical Abortion Pills carry a tremendous risk for women, [exposing them to injury, infertility, and even death.](#) The willingness of President Biden along with Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra and FDA Commissioner Dr. Robert Califf to risk the lives of women exposed to Chemical Abortion Pills requires a congressional response as the dereliction of duty taking place on this issue is astounding.

As noted in an op-ed that [Sen. Steve Daines and I wrote for Newsweek:](#) "The Biden administration's abortion extremism was on full display when, as [we predicted](#) ... in an online event, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) [decided](#) to stop enforcing critical in-person health and safety requirements for the chemical abortion drug mifepristone ... Consider that on [the same day](#) news was breaking about the gutted health and safety standards for chemical abortion, the FDA also announced it was

pulling the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine because, out of 7 million people who had taken it, six had suffered blood clots and one person died. Yet despite the fact that chemical abortion pills have been a factor in the deaths of more than 20 women and millions of unborn children, Biden's FDA not only kept the drugs on the market, but authorized, in effect, a nationwide experiment in do-it-yourself abortions. There was no semblance of an 'abundance of caution' in the FDA's abortion pill announcement."

The Biden Administration's willingness to risk women's lives in their zeal to end preborn life must be confronted by a Congress that cares about this life and death issue for both the preborn and women.

As deadly as the two-pill regiment that the FDA allows can be, the Chemical Abortion Pills sold at the border can carry an even greater risk as some will sell only one pill, saving them money but raising the risks.

Considering those dangers, Charlotte Lozier Institute recently released a report by Senior Fellow and Director of Medical Affairs Ingrid Skop (M.D., F.A.C.O.G.) titled, "Induced Abortion with Misoprostol Alone."

Dr. Skop notes: "Evidence from around the globe demonstrates that misoprostol alone is a poor abortifacient and very likely to cause injury to women... As an example of how poorly misoprostol alone functions to cause abortion, a 2010 study comparing standard mifepristone/misoprostol with misoprostol alone documented that using misoprostol only to induce an abortion led to a 23.8% failure rate requiring surgery. The embryo/fetus continued to survive in 16.6% of the pregnancies, and misoprostol is known to produce birth defects such as Moebius Sequence, associated with craniofacial and limb abnormalities, leaving these children at risk if the pregnancy continued to birth. In contrast, there were 3.5% failures and 1.5% continuing pregnancies in the mifepristone/misoprostol group ... Finally, a worldwide systematic review of more than 12,000 misoprostol abortions, performed by abortion advocacy researchers, **found 22% (nearly one in four) required surgical completion** because misoprostol failed to completely empty the uterus of the remains of the child." (*Emphasis added.*)

Another study from the Lozier Institute found that "(t)he rate of abortion-related emergency room visits following a chemical abortion increased over 500%."

A factor in such visits could be the tainted products being sold. Skop writes, "One study on the feasibility of obtaining abortion drugs from international distributors over the internet found in some cases misoprostol tablets contained only 17% of the

advertised amount of medication.”

That reality is echoed in the [Washington Post](#) article: “Some experts worry that as demand soars and cross-border networks expand to include less credible suppliers, women could start to receive illegitimate pills that are ineffective or, worse, dangerous. Fake abortion pills have been circulating in other countries with strict antiabortion laws, said Guillermo Ortiz, an OB/GYN and senior medical adviser with Ipas Partners for Reproductive Justice, an international abortion rights nonprofit.” One need only look at other drug cartel efforts to understand the tremendous risk to women who may not be taking the drugs they think they ordered and may not survive the experience, not to mention the impact on the preborn. Such a strain on our healthcare system and such risk to women and children demands a Congressional response including an investigation of the environmental impact of the emerging cemeteries in our sewer systems.

The *Washington Post* article notes that the preborn can come into the world wholly formed, with one woman distributing acid to dissolve the tiny bodies, others flushing them into the wastewater system, or perhaps carrying out a hasty burial of small human body. The [environmental impact of this rush to distribute Chemical Abortion pills](#) must be studied by a Congress that cares more about public safety than an ever-rising number of deaths by abortion.

Even if you support abortion – and I don’t – that’s no argument for the dangerous, [No Test, online distribution of Chemical Abortion Pills](#) as allowed by the Biden Administration. And it’s no excuse for allowing networks to form intent on selling drugs illegal or regulated in some states. Students for Life Action will be prioritizing this issue – now the [number one cause of elective abortion deaths](#) in America.

In January, the Pro-Life Generation expects the House and Senate to take on this issue with the seriousness it deserves, rather than settling for show votes on easily agreed upon legislation that does not significantly reduce the number of abortions or protect women from a predatory abortion industry.

Sincerely,

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