



January 8, 2023

The Honorable Andre Dickens
Atlanta City Hall
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Dear Mayor Dickens;

We trust this letter finds you in good health and spirits. We, a group of concerned Black women, are writing to bring to your attention our deep distress regarding the pro-abortion advertisements displayed on carousels at Hartsfield-Jackson Airport. We find these ads not only disconcerting but also troubling and insensitive, particularly in their apparent targeting of Black women.

While we recognize that there are diverse opinions on this issue, we believe it is essential to address the impact such advertising has had and can have on our community in particular. Atlanta, is a city and Georgia is a state of immense cultural diversity that plays a crucial role in shaping national conversations. The intentional targeting of Black women with pro-abortion messages is disheartening. This is especially true since historically, our community has faced systemic challenges in healthcare. It is crucial that an environment that empowers women with informed choices rather than reinforcing divisive narratives is promoted. The advertisements in question intentionally overlook the diversity of perspectives within the Black community on the issue of abortion, and they intentionally marginalize those who hold anti-abortion views.

We will be in communication with the sponsoring advertiser, but we thought this presented an opportunity to share our position with stakeholders in our community. We believe it is essential to highlight some disparities and risks, with suggested solutions that underscore the complexity of this issue within the Black community.

We respectfully request that you consider the following actions for inclusion in public policy:

Promote Inclusive Reproductive Health Initiatives: Support initiatives and allocate funds to reputable organizations serving diverse communities, that offer medical services, material support, parenting classes, housing, and comprehensive counseling, including unbiased information on alternatives to abortion.

Enforce robust informed consent procedures: Ensure that women are provided with comprehensive information about both the surgical procedure and Mifepristone/Misoprostol (the abortion pill), detailing potential risks including, but not exclusive of Asherman's syndrome, hemorrhage, infertility, and death. Informed consent includes the provision of information about alternatives to abortion including parenting and adoption.

Ensure the highest standards of healthcare for women: Advocate for rigorous licensing and inspection of clinic spaces and records, with transparent reporting of inspection results. Advocate for policies that ensure proper continuity of care for women who experience complications, including arrangement for transfer to nearby hospitals equipped to handle emergency situations, since most abortions today are by pill and women will abort at home, often alone.

Support regulations that reduce the risk of serious complications. Support laws that prohibit mail-order abortion pills, and require in-person physical examination, radiographic examination, and laboratory testing to detect contraindications to the abortion pill including advanced gestational age, ectopic pregnancy, and unaddressed co-morbidities.

Mental Health Support: Ensure access to mental health counseling services for women who may be dealing with the emotional challenges of reproductive decisions. This support is crucial for the trauma experienced by many post-abortion women, who now, in light of the frequency of abortions by pill, may by necessity see and have to handle and dispose of the unborn child.

We believe that by cultivating a more inclusive and respectful discourse on reproductive concerns, you can play a pivotal role in steering our community toward one that embraces diversity — not only in demographics but also in opinions. We advocate for elected representatives who prioritize the well-being of all constituents, valuing and respecting the diverse perspectives held by the residents they serve. Your attention to this matter is crucial, and we anticipate the positive impact your representation can have in fostering an environment that genuinely supports the varied needs and viewpoints within our community. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Catherine Davis

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