

Appeal to President Clinton and FDA Commissioner Henney

To: President Clinton
White House

FDA Commissioner Jane Henney
US Food and Drug Administration

WHEREAS...Millions of women will benefit from the development and dissemination of mifepristone, which is a safe, effective method of early pregnancy termination and shows promise as a possible treatment for ovarian cancer, endometriosis, fibroid tumors, meningioma, and some types of breast cancer, and in assisting labor induction.

WHEREAS...Mifepristone's availability in the U.S. will make a very early and private abortion option available to women, increase access to abortion services, reframe the abortion debate, and ultimately, curb the targeting of physicians and clinics by anti-abortion extremists; and

WHEREAS...The FDA is reportedly discussing onerous restrictions that are unprecedented and medically unnecessary. Not only would unnecessary restrictions on mifepristone limit access to a safe and very early form of medical abortion, but it also would mean that this medication would continue to be almost impossible to obtain for research and clinical trials for its other very important possible uses.

THEREFORE...I appeal to you to do everything in your power to make sure that mifepristone, which the Clinton Administration has strongly supported and which has already been deemed safe and effective by the FDA, is expeditiously approved without unnecessarily limiting restrictions that interfere with the practice of medicine and women's health care.

Sincerely,

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