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U.S. Supreme Court preserves access to dangerous abortion drug mifepristone

LITTLE ROCK – The Supreme Court has unanimously upheld access to the abortion drug used in a majority of U.S. abortions last year. The decision marks the court’s first abortion ruling since conservative justices overturned *Roe v. Wade* in 2022. Justices determined that abortion opponents did not have the legal standing to challenge the FDA’s approval of mifepristone. The decision also covered the FDA’s efforts to facilitate access to the drug, which means the judgment clears the way for continued access to mifepristone for abortions.

“Once again, women are on the losing end when it comes to abortion. The FDA decision to extend mifepristone use for abortion up to 10 weeks and eliminating examination to screen for ectopic pregnancy or women whose health and life could be jeopardized will now remain the policy of the Biden Administration,” said Rose Mimms, executive director of Arkansas Right to Life.

Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life, said the Court’s ruling means that women using the abortion drug will be denied information needed to make a life-altering decision.

“It is sad that because of these FDA decisions, women will not get the information they deserve before making a permanent life or death decision,” Tobias said. “While the abortion pill remains legal, we hope this battle to reinstate safety precautions will continue.”

According to the Guttmacher Institute, a research arm of the abortion industry, approximately 63% of all abortions are done using chemical abortion methods like mifepristone and misoprostol.

Under the Biden Administration, the FDA weakened the Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) requirements for the drug combination to allow it to be dispensed and even mailed by pharmacies.

Under Arkansas law women are protected from telehealth abortion and reporting of complications and adverse events are required.

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