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National Right to Life Introduces the APPLE Act to Protect Women from the Dangers of Abortion Pills

WASHINGTON — National Right to Life (NRLC) announced the introduction of the APPLE Act — the *Abortion Pill Provider Liability and Education Act* — a new model law designed to protect women by ensuring honesty, transparency, and accountability in the use of abortion pills.

The APPLE Act responds to mounting evidence that women are not being fully informed about the risks of chemical abortions and are too often left without recourse when serious complications occur. The law empowers women and their families to hold abortion pill manufacturers, prescribers, and providers accountable for injuries, complications, trauma, or death — while preserving women’s privacy and dignity.

“The APPLE Act is about truth and accountability,” said Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life. **“Women deserve full and honest information before taking abortion pills, and they deserve legal protection when something goes wrong.”**

Tobias continued, **“If abortion pills are as safe as their promoters claim, then transparency and accountability should not be controversial.”**

Recent data and firsthand accounts underscore the need for reform. According to the most recent FDA reporting, at least **36 women in the United States have died after taking mifepristone**, with additional deaths reported internationally. Large-scale insurance and international studies have found that **between nearly 5% and more than 10% of women who take abortion pills end up seeking emergency medical care**, often for hemorrhage, infection, incomplete abortion, or other serious complications. Women’s own accounts describe prolonged bleeding, severe pain, psychological trauma, and emergency hospitalization.

The APPLE Act focuses on common sense protections rooted in long-standing principles of informed consent and patient safety. Among its key provisions, the APPLE Act:

- Requires abortion pill providers to give women clear, written information about known risks and potential complications, including excessive bleeding, infection, and incomplete abortion.
- Ensures women are told they may seek emergency medical care without fear of penalty for disclosing abortion pill use.

- Mandates the reporting of abortion pill complications to state agencies to create an accurate public record.
- Implements a public awareness campaign informing the public about a woman's right to know about the risks associated with chemical abortion and the right to sue.
- Allows women or their families to pursue civil action when abortion pill providers or manufacturers cause harm or fail to obtain proper informed consent.
- Protects the anonymity of women who bring legal action.

For years, abortion pill advocates have dismissed women's injuries and trauma as "rare" or "minor," while opposing meaningful reporting requirements and legal accountability. The APPLE Act challenges that contradiction directly.

"The APPLE Act protects women's right to know the truth and hold abortion-pill providers accountable," Tobias said. "Women deserve the truth — and they deserve legal protection when abortion providers fail them."

National Right to Life encourages state lawmakers to introduce and advance the APPLE Act as a woman-centered response to the growing harms associated with chemical abortions. NRLC will be working with state affiliates and legislators nationwide to promote the model law and educate the public about its protections.

Founded in 1968, the National Right to Life Committee (NRLC), the federation of affiliates in each of the 50 states, is the nation's oldest and largest grassroots pro-life organization. National Right to Life works through legislation and education to protect innocent human life from abortion, infanticide, assisted suicide, and euthanasia.