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Rep. P. Scott Lipps
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Dear Rep. Lipps:

As the American Academy of Medical Ethics (AAME), we believe life begins at conception and an unborn child deserves all the rights set forth in the Constitution, including the right to life. As healthcare professionals, it is our duty to protect the lives of unborn babies as well as the health and lives of their mothers.

Chemical abortion is not safe for women. Even though abortion-inducing drugs are four times more dangerous than surgical abortion, we continue to see a reckless, all-out push for their expansion without proper safeguards. This is risky business. We also know that having an abortion can have long-term traumatic impact on women, many with regret.

For this reason, the AAME supports [OH HB 378](#) introduced in the Ohio House of Representatives. OH HB 378 requires that mothers be informed of the possibility of reversing an attempted chemical abortion, should they change their mind. This information must also be published on the Ohio Department of Health website. It also requires a physician who is to perform or induce a mifepristone abortion, at least 24 hours prior to the performance or inducement, to give the pregnant woman copies of the materials to be published by the Ohio Department of Health. The physician can be subject to civil or disciplinary action for failure to do this. This bill can give mothers and their unborn baby a valuable second chance to choose life.

I urge you to vote "Yes" to support OH HB 378 to provide women with the needed information to make life-affirming decisions.

Thank you for helping in this effort.

Respectfully,

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