

Proponent Testimony for House Bill Number 324
Health Committee
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The Honorable Jean Schmidt, Chairman House Health Committee
Ohio House of Representatives

Dear Chairman Schmidt,

Thank you for this opportunity to provide written testimony in support of House Bill 324. Also known as the Patient Protection Act, HB 324 would require any drug that causes severe adverse effects in over 5% of patients to be subject to common sense protections meant to ensure responsible care for the patient. These “severe adverse effects” can include death and life-threatening conditions such as sepsis, organ failure and hemorrhaging or infection requiring hospitalization.

HB 324 would further prohibit the sale of any drug with serious adverse effects of more than 5%, both over-the-counter and by mail. This is merely common sense. Patients should be able to trust that the drugs they are putting into their bodies are safe and have been properly vetted by medical professionals.

Sadly, this is not always the case. As we have seen recently, the chemical abortion pill regimen, or RU-486, is much more dangerous than the FDA realized at the time it was originally approved in 2000. A shocking study released [earlier this year](#) by the Ethics & Public Policy Center revealed that one in 10 women experience sepsis, infection, hemorrhaging or another serious adverse event within 45 days following a chemical abortion. This real-world rate is 22 times higher than the rate claimed by the FDA.

As the former director of a crisis pregnancy center, I have seen firsthand the consequences of women making decisions without having been properly informed of the risks. Many women who came to our clinic had several previous abortions. These women were confused and looking for answers to their questions. Instead, they received a paper bag with pills and were told “it’s safer than aspirin” and were sent on their way. We heard accounts of excessive bleeding, passing lemon sized blood clots and visits to the emergency room.

This is most certainly not “safe and effective.”

During COVID, the Biden Administration further relaxed the requirements for the dispensation of the abortion pill; here in Ohio, in the wake of the passage of Issue One, the state is battling legal challenges to the protections that had been on the books for years. This dangerous drug can now be obtained without even having to leave home.

House Bill 324 would not prohibit the use of these drugs, but it would require that certain non-burdensome processes are followed before these drugs could be administered. It is the position of the Right to Life Action Coalition of Ohio that the health and safety of Ohio citizens should be of primary concern to the state.

As President of the Right to Life Action Coalition of Ohio, I strongly urge the passage of the Patient Protection Act, or HB 324. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kate A. Makra, Esq.".

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