Dear Representative:

On behalf of over 100 undersigned organizations, we urge you to strongly oppose attacks on mifepristone in the FY24 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. Rep. Rosa DeLauro has introduced an amendment that would strike an extreme and harmful provision in the bill that attempts to politicize the FDA and limit its authority and reject years of scientific and medical expertise. **We the undersigned groups support this amendment and oppose all attacks on medication abortion and support the FDA's independent scientific-decision making authority.**

The bill includes a harmful new rider that attempts to force back in place burdensome, medically unnecessary restrictions FDA lifted earlier this year after extensive, evidence-based review. Specifically, in January 2023, the FDA lifted the medically unnecessary in-person dispensing requirement on mifepristone, allowing pharmacists to dispense in certified pharmacies, including mail-order pharmacies, to patients with a prescription.

Mifepristone is incredibly safe. It is supported by hundreds of studies and has a proven safety and effectiveness record of 99%. Mifepristone has been used by more than 5 million people for more than two decades and is one of two medications commonly used in medication abortions that accounts for more than half of all abortions across the country. Mifepristone has helped ensure that patients are able to make their own private medical decisions, and it has **expanded access to essential, time-sensitive reproductive health care** — something that is very clearly under threat in this country.

Banning or restricting access to mifepristone across the country would most severely impact people living in medically underserved communities, especially people of color and people with low incomes, who already face barriers to care due to systemic inequities in our country’s health care system.

The vast majority of Americans support reproductive freedom. **85% of Americans want abortion to be legal.** New, repeated polling has demonstrated that people want mifepristone to remain on the market and accessible. In addition, the majority of people trust the FDA and want the agency to remain an independent body that is permitted to follow the medicine and science. People deserve to access the medication they need and providers should be able to provide that medication without unnecessary interference from politicians.

This harmful new rider is another attack on our fundamental freedom to make decisions about our own bodies. It is imperiling critical legislation by attaching ideological policy provisions that have no place in annual appropriations bills. Despite overwhelming public support for abortion access, this rider is an attempt to interfere with the FDA's process, restrict mifepristone access, and deny our communities and providers what they need.

Right now, despite intentional confusion, patients can still access mifepristone in states where abortion is legal and providers are doing everything possible to ensure patients can get the care they need. Lawmakers should be doing everything possible to support patients and providers and should be supporting the FDA's independent decision making and authority. Under no circumstances should lawmakers be using the appropriations process to further attack access to essential care.

Sincerely,
Planned Parenthood Federation of America
Physicians for Reproductive Health
A Woman's Choice clinics - Charlotte, Greensboro, Raleigh, NC and Jacksonville, FL
Abortion Access Front
Abortion Care Network
Abortion Coalition for Telemedicine Access
ACLU
All* Above All Action Fund
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American Humanist Association
American Medical Student Association (AMSA)
American Medical Women's Association
American Sexual Health Association
American Society for Emergency Contraception
American Society for Reproductive Medicine
Americans United for Separation of Church and State
Amnesty International USA
Blue Mountain Clinic
Brigid Alliance
Cambridge Reproductive Health Consultants
Cedar River Clinics
Center for American Progress
Center for Biological Diversity
Center for Reproductive Rights
CenterLink: The Community of LGBTQ Centers
Choix
Cobalt Advocates
Community Catalyst
Concerned Citizen
EMAA Project
Equality California
Faith Choice Ohio
Family Planning Associates Medical Group
FORGE, Inc.
Gender Justice
Grandmothers for Reproductive Rights (GRR!)
Guttmacher Institute
Hadasah, The Women’s Zionist Organization of America
Healthy Futures
Healthy Teen Network
Ibis Reproductive Health
If/When/How: Lawyering for Reproductive Justice
In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda
ineedana.com
Institute for Women's Policy Research
interACT: Advocates for Intersex Youth
Interfaith Alliance
Ipas
Jacobs Institute of Women's Health
Jewish Women International
July Medical Services, LLC dba Hope Medical of Penacola
Just The Pill/Abortion Delivered
Los Angeles LGBT Center
Louisiana Coalition for Reproductive Freedom
Mabel Wadsworth Center
Medical Students for Choice
Midwest Access Coalition
Minority Veterans of America
NARAL Pro-Choice America
National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum
National Center for Lesbian Rights
National Council of Jewish Women
National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association
National Health Law Program
National Immigration Law Center
National Institute for Reproductive Health
National Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice
National LGBTQ Task Force
National Network to End Domestic Violence
National Organization for Women
National Partnership for Women & Families
National Women's Health Network
National Women's Law Center
PAI
Partners in Abortion Care
Population Institute
Positive Women's Network-USA
Power to Decide
Pregnancy Justice
Presidential Women's Center, LP
Pro-Choice North Carolina
Provide
Public Justice Center
Reproaction
Reproductive Freedom Fund of New Hampshire
Reproductive Health Access Project
Reproductive Health Initiative for Telehealth Equity & Solutions, a fiscally sponsored project of the Hopewell Fund
RH Impact: The Collaborative for Equity & Justice
Rhia Ventures
Robbinsdale Clinic, PA
Sciencecorps
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
SHERo Mississippi
SIECUS: Sex Ed for Social Change
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine
State Innovation Exchange (SiX) Action
UC Davis
UCSF Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health
UltraViolet Action
Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice
URGE: Unite for Reproductive and Gender Equity
We Testify
Women’s Law Project
YWCA USA