

## **360 Leading Reproductive Health Researchers Urge Supreme Court to Reject Restrictions on Mifepristone in *Louisiana v. FDA***

Today, the UCLA Law Center on Reproductive Health, Law, and Policy (CRHLP) and the law firm O'Melveny & Myers, in partnership with researchers from Advancing New Standards in Reproductive Health (ANSIRH) at UCSF, filed an [amicus brief](#) in *Louisiana v. FDA*, urging the U.S. Supreme Court to follow science and reject restrictions on mifepristone. Louisiana has asked the courts to significantly roll back access to medication abortion by re-imposing a nationwide requirement to dispense the abortion pill mifepristone in person. However, FDA has already determined that the requirement is unnecessary for safety and overly burdensome. The brief, submitted on behalf of hundreds of researchers, explains the overwhelming scientific evidence demonstrating that provision of medication abortion via telehealth is safe and effective. The brief also debunks the methodologically flawed and deceptive junk science on which Louisiana relies.

Amanda Barrow, Senior Staff Attorney at CRHLP, urged: "This case is a naked attempt to restrict access to abortion in every single state. Louisiana is asking the courts to ignore mountains of scientific evidence that mifepristone is safe, including when provided to people via telehealth, in order to make it unnecessarily hard for people across this country to access the most common form of abortion care."

Over multiple decades, FDA has reviewed extensive clinical data and real-world evidence demonstrating that mifepristone can be safely prescribed and dispensed without an in-person visit. This includes research supporting telehealth provision, which has expanded access while maintaining high standards of care. Medication abortion accounts for almost two thirds of all abortions across the United States and telehealth is used in 27% of abortions nationwide.

Dr. Daniel Grossman, ANSIRH Director and Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at UCSF, said: "At the time FDA modified how mifepristone could be dispensed, allowing for telehealth and pharmacy access, there was already a large and well-established body of high-quality research showing that medication abortion is safe and effective. Since then, additional research has only reinforced those findings."

Dr. Ushma Upadhyay, Public Health Scientist and Professor at ANSIRH, UCSF, said: "Research shows that telehealth medication abortion is just as safe and effective as in-person care, and it's often the only way patients can access care at all. Eliminating telehealth wouldn't improve safety; it would just ban a safe, reliable option from people who need it most."

The brief reflects broad support from the scientific community, including sign-ons from 360 reproductive health researchers, for protecting access to medication abortion and ensuring that policy decisions remain grounded in evidence.

Read the amicus brief [here](#).

CRHLP maintains a tracker providing regularly updated information on the current status of litigation and federal administrative actions that could shape regulation of and access to mifepristone. View the tracker [here](#).

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