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**ATTORNEY GENERAL LOPEZ URGES U.S. SUPREME COURT TO PRESERVE
ACCESS TO MEDICATION ABORTION**

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HONOLULU – Attorney General Anne Lopez today joined a multistate coalition of 24 attorneys general in protecting nationwide access to the medication abortion drug mifepristone.

The coalition of attorneys general filed an amicus brief in the U.S. Supreme Court in support of petitions by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA) and Danco Laboratories LLC to reverse the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit’s ruling that reinstated certain medically unnecessary, and previously eliminated, restrictions on the medication. Mifepristone is the only FDA-approved abortion medication, and the coalition argues that the Fifth Circuit’s ruling has dangerous consequences on reproductive health care outcomes, particularly for low-income and underserved communities.

“The Fifth Circuit’s ruling reimposes unnecessary restrictions on mifepristone, a drug proven to be safe and effective,” said Attorney General Lopez. “If permitted to stand, the Fifth Circuit’s decision will cause serious nationwide harm. Mifepristone is critical to reproductive health care, and I am committed to protecting a woman’s access to health care.”

Attorney General Lopez and the coalition are urging the Supreme Court to grant the petitions to bring the case on medication abortion before the court. The coalition asks the Supreme Court to reverse the Fifth Circuit’s poorly reasoned decision that restricts how mifepristone can be prescribed and dispensed. The coalition highlights that the Fifth Circuit’s decision ignores decades of high-quality evidence and clinical research that shows mifepristone is safe and effective.

The coalition notes that if the Fifth Circuit's decision is permitted to take effect, it could disrupt access to the most common method of abortion, harming countless individuals in need of abortion care or management of pregnancy loss, with widespread implications for the healthcare system. Among other things, the ruling could lead many individuals to undergo procedural abortion, push abortion procedures later in pregnancy, drive up risks, costs, and delays, and deprive many individuals of access to reproductive health care altogether. The coalition further argues that the ruling would create widespread confusion among providers, distributors, and pharmacies, and radically destabilize the regulatory process for drug approvals, stifling scientific innovation, and imperiling the development and availability of thousands of drugs nationwide.

Joining Attorney General Lopez in submitting today's amicus brief are the attorneys general of Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington, and Wisconsin, and the District of Columbia.

A copy of the coalition's brief can be found [here](#).

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