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Administrator Zeldin:

On April 6, 2026, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced that it was publishing a draft of the sixth Contaminant Candidate List (CCL 6) since the Safe Drinking Water Act amendments of 1996. This draft list will contain known or potential contaminants in public water systems that are not currently subject to regulations. **Please consider adding the chemical abortion drug mifepristone to CCL 6.**

Mifepristone is the first step in a two-step chemical abortion drug regimen. It barbarically starves the unborn baby to death by blocking progesterone. Between 24 to 48 hours after taking mifepristone, the pregnant woman takes misoprostol, which causes the uterus to contract, evacuating the baby and the placental tissue. This baby poison pill is also extremely harmful to women; more than one out of ten (10.93%) women who take this dangerous pill experience sepsis, infection, hemorrhaging, or another serious adverse event within 45 days.¹

In addition to killing unborn babies and threatening the wellbeing or lives of their mothers, mifepristone has the potential to impact our national water system, a danger that was acknowledged by the Food and Drug Administration thirty years ago. In 1996, the FDA Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) claimed that adverse environmental effects from mifepristone were “not anticipated,” but acknowledged that “[m]ifepristone may enter the environment from excretion by patients, from disposal of pharmaceutical waste, or from emissions from manufacturing sites.”²

This issue is long overdue for reconsideration: at that time of CDER’s statement, the FDA had not yet abdicated its duty and allowed mifepristone to be used in the United States. Today, data

¹ Ethics & Public Policy Center. “The Abortion Pill Harms Women: Insurance Data Reveals One in Ten Patients Experiences a Serious Adverse Event.” April 28, 2025. <https://eppc.org/publication/insurance-data-reveals-one-in-ten-patients-experiences-a-serious-adverse-event/>.


² U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Mifepristone NOA 20-687: Environmental Assessment (2000), https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/nda/2000/20687_Mifepristone_EA.pdf.

suggests that mifepristone is used for nearly two-thirds of all abortions in the United States.³ This change has only increased the potential for mifepristone to “enter the environment.”

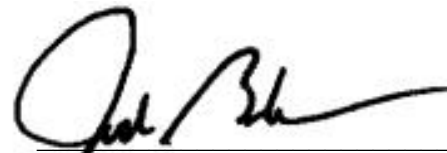
Especially as the use of mifepristone has risen, its impact on drinking water should be closely researched and monitored. EPA should work to determine whether the active metabolites that enter our nation's water system through mifepristone abortions threaten access to safe drinking water. EPA should also study whether the level of mifepristone present in the nation's water system could cause endocrine disruption.

It is essential to understand the level of contamination caused by mifepristone and the potential impact on public health. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,




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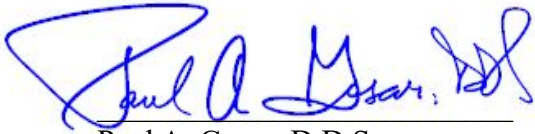
³ Mifepristone abortions accounted for 63 percent of all abortions in 2023 alone. “Medication Abortion Accounted for 63% of All US Abortions in 2023—An Increase from 53% in 2020.” Guttmacher. March 2024. <https://www.guttmacher.org/2024/03/medication-abortion-accounted-63-all-us-abortions-2023-increase-53-2020>.



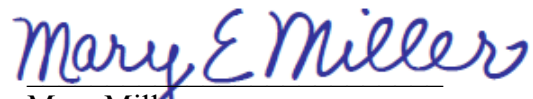
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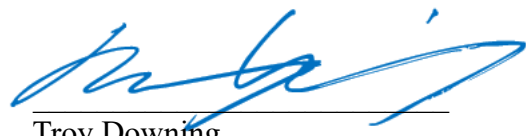
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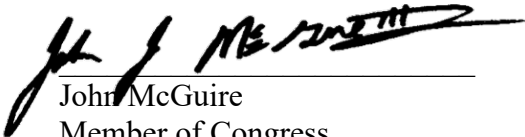
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