It was the Biden Administration that decided no physician visit pre-requisite was necessary to get an abortion drug. That resulted in mail-order abortions. Here is the most recent development.

The FDA recently reported it will conclude its study on physician requirements in the near future, but it will probably be next spring before the results are released. This may further result in additional time to meet federal administrative requirements for new regulations to go into effect. This could also mean it would even be moved to the next presidential administration.

We are disappointed that the Trump administration has not taken action to remedy this problem. The problem was caused by Biden's administrative action and could be corrected by Trump's administrative action. However, he has failed to address this situation. It is estimated there are 15,000 abortions per month nationally from mail order abortion drugs.

There are cases pending in the courts which could me moved by the Trump administration, but they cannot move due to the FDA's putting off its decision. The decision is up to Trump.

As we have reported earlier, there are various lawsuits trying to address this unfortunate situation. These run into the "Shield laws" of other states and whether the constitution's full faith in credit clause requires them to respect laws like Alabama's that prohibit abortion. Attorney General Steve Marshall's recent joining in the lawsuit with Louisiana and Arkansas to ask SCOTUS to give for faith in credit in these circumstances is perhaps the best chance for judicial relief. In the meantime, efforts to civilly or criminally punish the drug providers go nowhere. This is all the more reason Alabama should consider the APLC suggested bill to regulate internet sales by restricting the paying mechanisms for ordering the drugs.

This month's Educational Update reminds us of the possibility of threats to our religious freedom. We must be ever vigilant.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours very truly,

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