33 Patient and Provider Groups Applaud Supreme Court Ruling, Urge Courts to Preserve FDA’s Authority

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Our 33 organizations, representing patients with serious health conditions, applaud the Supreme Court’s decision to pause new restrictions that would have limited access to the FDA-approved drug mifepristone while litigation about the drug works its way through the courts.

Unfortunately, the threat facing patients continues as the case of *Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine et al. v FDA et al.* has been sent back to the lower court. The litigation jeopardizes access to FDA-approved medications and other treatments by shifting decisions about drug safety to judges. For the time being, however, patients will continue to have access to mifepristone and other FDA-approved drugs and treatments without court-imposed limitations.

Generations of Americans have trusted the FDA’s expertise which, over time, has yielded rigorous, science- and data-based approval of tens of thousands of lifesaving and life-changing medications for people with acute or chronic serious health conditions. Experts in science and medicine are best equipped to determine the safety and efficacy of drugs and treatments, and it is dangerous to eviscerate or dilute their authority.

We strongly support the FDA’s role in safeguarding patients and urge the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals to reverse the U.S. District Court’s decision.

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American Lung Association  
American Society of Hematology  
Arthritis Foundation  
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Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America  
Cancer Support Community  
CancerCare  
Chronic Disease Coalition  
Crohn’s & Colitis Foundation  
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation  
Epilepsy Foundation  
EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases  
Friends of Cancer Research  
HealthyWomen  
Hemophilia Federation of America  
Infusion Access Foundation  
Lupus Foundation of America  
National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship  
National Health Council  
National Multiple Sclerosis Society  
National Organization for Rare Disorders  
National Patient Advocate Foundation  
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