

July 16, 2026

Dear Chair Cassidy, Chair Crapo, Chair Guthrie, and Chair Comer:

On behalf of the thousands of physicians and medical professionals we represent, AAPLOG (the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists) writes to share the results of a recent investigation we conducted into the online ordering and mail distribution of mifepristone. The findings raise significant concerns regarding patient safety, informed consent, and the lack of medical oversight in the online distribution of abortion pills.

Alarming, our investigation found many risks patients may not realize when accessing these drugs through online providers:

- No identity requirements or age verification during the ordering process
- No direct interaction with a physician
- Inadequate screening for medical risks or contraindications
- The ability for minors and even abusers to obtain the pills online

What this investigation uncovered is far from anything that could be called healthcare. In fact, it should be considered medical malpractice. The FDA removed patient safeguards during the Covid-19 pandemic, removing in-person dispensing requirements that had been in place for two decades. Yet this mail-order process for abortion pills remains in use with complete disregard for patient safety.

For the investigation, we visited the Plan C clearinghouse website to find a site that dispenses abortion pills by mail. Choosing from dozens of similar websites, we selected and completed Aid Access' intake process. We evaluated its screening protocols and safeguards and tested the system's response to various inputs. And we documented the entire process via video and screen capture, which you can view online at: <https://aaplog.org/investigation/>.

To test the level of medical review and due diligence, we intentionally put red flags in our answers with several contraindications so ridiculous any one of them should have been a hard stop for a physician conducting an in-person screening and informed consent. However, we were shockingly allowed to complete the process. And rather than the case being flagged for review or follow-up, we were sent a payment link within mere minutes of completing the form.

The investigation shows that not only is no one with any medical knowledge reviewing these cases, but it is also absurdly far from the "telemedicine" screening these companies claim it to be. From start to finish it puts profit over patient safety and fails women and young girls at a time when they are most vulnerable.

Attached is an in-depth summary of our findings, which are also documented at <https://aaplog.org/investigation/>.



The lack of safety oversight documented here reflects a serious public health crisis. Women are receiving little to no counseling; they are being subjected to abuse and coercion, and lives are actively being put at risk.

We urge you to do all within your power and purview to restore common sense and basic safeguards for abortion pill distribution as a first step to protect our maternal and fetal patients. We thank you for your continued focus on patient safety, and we stand ready to serve as a resource in this vital work.

Respectfully submitted,

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