

Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2023

**Statement on the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas
Decision in *Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine v. U.S. Food and Drug Administration*
April 7, 2023**

Today a single Federal district judge in Texas ruled that a prescription medication that has been available for more than 22 years, approved by the FDA and used safely and effectively by millions of women here and around the world, should no longer be approved in the United States. The court in this case has substituted its judgment for FDA, the expert agency that approves drugs. If this ruling were to stand, then there will be virtually no prescription, approved by the FDA, that would be safe from these kinds of political, ideological attacks.

The prescription medication in question in this case is used for medication abortion, and medication abortion accounts for over half the abortions in America. The lawsuit, and this ruling, is another unprecedented step in taking away basic freedoms from women and putting their health at risk. This does not just affect women in Texas; if it stands, it would prevent women in every State from accessing the medication, regardless of whether abortion is legal in a State. It is the next big step toward the national ban on abortion that Republican elected officials have vowed to make law in America.

My administration will fight this ruling. The Department of Justice has already filed an appeal and will seek an immediate stay of the decision. But let's be clear: The only way to stop those who are committed to taking away women's rights and freedoms in every State is to elect a Congress who will pass a law restoring *Roe* versus *Wade*. Vice President Harris and I will continue to lead the fight to protect a woman's right to an abortion and to make her own decisions about her own health. That is our commitment.

NOTE: The statement referred to Matthew J. Kacsmaryk, judge, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas.

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