



Dear Members of the United States House of Representatives,

On behalf of our nearly 1,300 active pro-life student groups and tens of thousands of trained student activists in all 50 states, **please stand with us in support of *Protecting Life on College Campus*, a bill to be introduced by Representative Chip Roy and Representative Mary Miller later this month.**

If passed, this bill would prohibit federal funds from being directed to institutions of higher education that offer abortion procedures and Chemical Abortion drugs to students and faculty. Turning American colleges and universities into abortion vendors serves no educational purpose. In fact, abortion puts women's lives at risk and creates increased liabilities for schools.

Students for Life of America & Students for Life Action have been at the forefront of this issue for the last several years, helping defeat California Senate Bill 320 in 2018. This bill would have forced all four-year public colleges in California to provide free RU-486 Chemical Abortion drugs to college students. Although former Governor Jerry Brown vetoed this legislation because it was unnecessary, Governor Gavin Newsom signed similar legislation, S.B. 24, into law in 2019. Since then, other states have considered legislation to force many publicly funded schools to dispense dangerous Chemical Abortion drugs, **essentially making student health centers abortion vendors and dormitories abortion clinics.**

The RU-486 process consists of two sets of pills. The first, mifepristone, cuts off the pregnancy hormone progesterone to the preborn baby, effectively starving the baby to death. The second pill, misoprostol, induces labor to expel the deceased baby from the mother's body. Women are often given these pills by an abortion provider and sent home to DIY the abortion process on their own.

For college students, home is often some form of student housing, such as a dorm or shared apartment. **These vulnerable young women are told that the process will merely feel like a period and is no more dangerous than taking ibuprofen, which we know to be false.** The mother is instructed to sit on the toilet, not to look down, and flush so that she will not see the dead baby she just delivered - one who likely has distinguishable features like fingers and toes.

The effects of the Chemical Abortion process can be incredibly painful, traumatic, and bloody – something no woman should endure in a dingy, shared dormitory bathroom. According to [the FDA](#), "Cramping and vaginal bleeding are expected effects of the treatment regimen. In some cases, very heavy vaginal bleeding will need to be

stopped by a surgical procedure ... Other common side effects of the treatment regimen include nausea, weakness, fever/chills, vomiting, headache, diarrhea, and dizziness in the first day or two after taking the two medicines.”

In addition, Chemical Abortion pills have 4x the complication rate as surgical abortion, sometimes leading to injury, infertility, and even death. [More than 20 women](#) that we know of have died after taking the **Chemical Abortion drugs**. Furthermore, studies suggest a significant link between abortion and an increased risk of mental health issues. In fact, “women whose first pregnancies ended in abortion were 65% more likely to score in the ‘high risk’ range for clinical depression,” according to a report from [Americans United for Life](#).

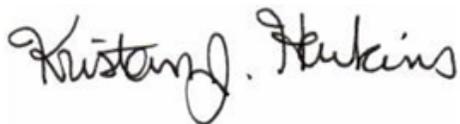
Some abortion advocates claim that providing these drugs on campus is necessary because abortion facilities are inaccessible, and transportation is expensive. However, most colleges and universities have an abortion facility within only a few miles radius. Additionally, 7% of women who take the Chemical Abortion pills require surgery because the pills failed. If not treated, the decaying tissue from the baby will fester in the woman’s womb, leading to infection and death. **If students require emergency medical assistance during or after the abortion, including surgical intervention, student health centers are not prepared to provide such care.**

Furthermore, providing abortions on college campuses presents important conscience issues. When federal funds and student fees are used to support campus health centers, both students and taxpayers are forced to be complicit in these abortion procedures. In the event of a tragic outcome, such as injury or death, taxpayers and students would be on the hook for further medical liability expenses. Health center employees may also oppose providing abortion services to students due to their beliefs, potentially putting their jobs in jeopardy.

Students who find themselves pregnant should be lovingly embraced by their campus communities. Our schools and legislators should invest in creating resources, programs, and support for pregnant women, **enabling them to achieve their academic and career goals instead of facilitating the killing of their child**. Abortion not only ends the life of an innocent preborn child but can also lead to lifelong physical and emotional repercussions. There is no legitimate reason for college and university campuses to provide abortions, especially at the expense of fellow students and taxpayers.

For all these reasons, Students for Life Action is excited to partner with Representative Chip Roy to introduce this life-saving legislation. **Again, I urge you to please support and co-sponsor the *Protecting Life on College Campus* bill.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristan J. Hawkins". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Kristan Hawkins

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