Dear Pro-Life Partners, July 1, 2026

Planned Perilhood

I will concede that abortion advocates probably do exist who honestly believe that they are acting in a woman's best interest. As misguided and misinformed as this belief may be, I have no doubt as to its sincerity in many cases. Planned Parenthood does not make this list. At its core, the pro-choice stance applies personal opinion or convenient interpretation to refute universal truth, prioritizing individual preferences or perceived welfare over another's life. Planned Parenthood is its poster child.

The latest initiative to emerge from this abortion behemoth is the "Just in Case" program, recently unveiled in Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, and Washington. Specifically designed for those women who are not pregnant now, but, you know, they *might* be later, so they want to be prepared. Hawaiian journalist Emma Caires writes, "This is the first time a Planned Parenthood organization is offering abortion medication ahead of pregnancy. The goal is for patients to have it on hand so that they can end their pregnancy at home, on their own time, without needing to make an additional appointment." Rebecca Gibron, CEO of PP Great Northwest, proudly states, "...we are committed to getting patients the care they need, when, *and before*, they need it (italics mine)." So…"before they need it" means they're not pregnant yet. So…maybe they could take steps to prevent the pregnancy instead? Just sayin'. (If anyone claims that abortion is not used as birth control, just tell them about this.) Gibron goes on to say that these pills are, "the next step in making abortion care more accessible, more convenient, and more responsive to the realities of patients' lives. When someone does not want to be pregnant, *timing matters* (duh)." How tone deaf and clueless does one need to be to think this is a good idea? Even Margaret Sanger, after all the work she did to make birth control available (albeit for heinous reasons), would be turning in her grave.

Obviously, increasing the "need" for this service will increase the demand, and therefore boost profits. A person can access these pills in person or on-line for $150. An abortion provider will instruct the woman on how to administer the drug at home. For what can be a painful, traumatic, even life-threatening (10.93% of women) experience for many, there is no medical oversight. Presently, the abortion pill accounts for *at least* 63% of abortions in the U.S (NRL News, 6/26). Soon, doctor-performed abortions may become obsolete, turning this niche of telehealth into teledeath. Even though the FDA has approved mifepristone through 10 weeks of pregnancy, Planned Parenthood states on its webpage that "abortion pills are a safe and effective way of ending an early pregnancy up to 12 weeks…" The safety risks for chemical abortions have been well documented for some time; unfortunately, we are still waiting for an updated and comprehensive review from the FDA. Thankfully, the effects of the abortion pill can be reversed. Women can reach out to the Abortion Pill Reversal Network (877-588-0333) to be connected to a medical provider in their area.

Planned Parenthood and their ilk must really think they look good in sheep's clothing. Yet their fangs gleam brightly in the light of their disingenuous rhetoric. Can we honestly take them seriously when they claim to stand for the health, safety, welfare, and protection of women? Let's revisit their response to the events following the passing of Amendment 3 in 2024. Former Missouri Attorney General Andrew Bailey successfully challenged the absence of health and safety standards in the amendment, such as informed consent, licensing requirements, and state inspections, among others. Abortion facilities *refused to comply* rather than be held accountable to reasonable and safe practices. The upside being that these facilities remained closed, but it revealed their true priority– unfettered autonomy at the expense of women's health and safety. On June 18, 2026, Judge Jerri Zhang upheld her prior Temporary Rulings, citing that Amendment 3 wiped out the aforementioned requirements, mandatory complications reporting, and allowed abortions based on Down Syndrome diagnoses and on the unborn who can feel pain. She did not reverse the ruling that only doctors can perform abortions and one in-person doctor visit is required before obtaining the abortion pill. Thanks for the bone Judge Zhang.

Partnering with You for Life,

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