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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ALLIANCE FOR HIPPOCRATIC MEDICINE V. U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION.

On Nov. 18, 2022, abortion opponents filed this lawsuit to ask the court to force the FDA to withdraw the approval of mifepristone, a medication that's been used safely and effectively in half the abortions in the United States over the past 20 years.

The case was brought by extreme anti-abortion groups as part of a larger campaign to ban abortion entirely nationwide. On April 7, Judge Kacsmaryk blocked the FDA's approval of mifepristone.

The Department of Justice requested a stay of the order, but on Wednesday night, the Fifth Circuit only partially blocked the decision, ignoring the law and scientific research.

By not fully blocking this ruling, the Fifth Circuit ignored more than 100 studies demonstrating the safety and efficacy of mifepristone — relying on dubious anecdotes and junk science.

It's still unclear how this decision will impact health care providers and their patients seeking abortion and miscarriage care. Unless the Supreme Court steps in, this decision will prevent many people from getting abortion care and force them to remain pregnant against their will.

The implications of this decision go far beyond abortion and have the potential to deny people access to other critical, life-saving drugs. We need your help in this fight.

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