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**NACL Files Amicus Brief Supporting Louisiana in Federal Challenge to FDA Abortion Drug Protocol**

LAFAYETTE, LA — The National Association of Christian Lawmakers (NACL) has filed an *amicus curiae* brief in *Louisiana et al. v. U.S. Food and Drug Administration et al.*, urging a federal court to grant relief to the State of Louisiana and require the federal government to comply with the Comstock Act, a federal law that prohibits the mailing and distribution of abortion-inducing drugs.

NACL joined Women Injured By Their Abortions and The Justice Foundation and its Center Against Forced Abortions in supporting Louisiana's challenge to the FDA's abortion drug regulatory actions. The amici argue that the federal government has unlawfully permitted the distribution of abortion pills through the mail, undermining both federal law and the authority of states to enact policies protecting women and children.

The brief asserts that Louisiana, as a sovereign state, has the right to enforce protections addressing the documented physical and psychological harms associated with abortion-inducing drugs. It details serious risks reported by women, including extreme bleeding, severe pain, medical complications, and traumatic psychological effects. The filing further describes how women may experience intense distress during the process, including witnessing and personally disposing of the remains of their unborn children, experiences characterized in the brief as deeply traumatic. These accounts are discussed in detail in pages 8 through 16 of the filing which accompanies this release.

The *amici* emphasize that the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* reaffirmed the authority of states to prohibit abortion practices they determine to be especially dangerous or inhumane.

Mary J. Browning, Lead Counsel for the amici, stated: “This case is about enforcing existing federal law and recognizing the real harms women have experienced. The FDA cannot ignore statutory limits or the evidence presented by women who have suffered severe physical and emotional trauma from these drugs.”

Allan E. Parker, President of The Justice Foundation, added: “Thousands of women have provided sworn testimony describing devastating consequences from abortion pills. Federal agencies have a duty to consider that evidence, not dismiss it. Compliance with the Comstock Act is not optional.”

Jason Rapert, Founder and President of NACL, said: “States have both the authority and the responsibility to protect women and children. This brief supports Louisiana’s effort to uphold the rule of law and defend policies enacted to safeguard human life and health.”

Bob Ballinger, Chief Legal Officer of NACL, stated: “Dobbs returned the authority to regulate abortion to the states. Courts should apply federal law in a way that respects that decision and does not hinder pro-life legislators from exercising their state’s right to protect unborn children. Louisiana is acting squarely within that authority, and federal agencies cannot be permitted to undermine it.”

NACL noted it is honored to stand alongside *Amici Curiae* Women Injured By Their Abortions, whose participation underscores the real-world impact abortion drugs have had on women nationwide.

The *amici* brief asks the court to stay the FDA’s 2023 abortion drug regulatory changes and grant the relief requested by Louisiana while the case proceeds.

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