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The Honorable Bill Cassidy
Chairman
Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
428 Senate Dirksen Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

We, the undersigned state Attorneys General, write in support of our colleague, Louisiana Attorney General Liz Murrill, before her testimony in front of this committee regarding the dangers of abortion drugs. Abortion drugs not only end the lives of countless unborn children, but they also present a great threat to the health of the women who use them. We applaud Attorney General Murrill for her strong stance on this issue and for her brave testimony today.

We urge this committee to consider preempting abortion shield laws. Since the Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Org.*, several States have greatly restricted or prohibited abortion, including non-surgical abortions that rely on the use of these harmful drugs. In response, different States passed laws purporting to "shield" abortion providers from liability and prosecution for performing or aiding in abortions in other States.¹ These laws are blatant attempts to interfere with States' ability to enforce criminal laws within their borders, and they disrupt our constitutional structure. Therefore, we are asking this committee to assess the constitutional authority it may have to preempt shield laws.

The landmark *Dobbs* decision in 2022 returned regulation of abortion to the respective States.² Ever since that decision Democrat-run, pro-abortion States have been attempting to hinder other States from regulating abortion within their own borders by enacting "shield laws." These shield laws attempt to protect shield-state residents from liability and prosecution when they violate pro-life States' abortion laws. For example, some protect shield-state residents from extradition when they violate another State's abortion laws by mailing abortion drugs to an individual in a State where abortion is illegal. These laws encourage medical professionals in pro-abortion states to violate pro-life States' abortion laws and are antithetical to the spirit of federalism and the *Dobbs* decision because they impair States' ability to regulate abortion as they see fit.

¹ <https://law.ucla.edu/academics/centers/center-reproductive-health-law-and-policy/shield-laws-reproductive-and-gender-affirming-health-care-state-law-guide>

² "It is time to heed the Constitution and return the issue of abortion to the people's elected representatives." *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Org.*, 597 U.S. 215, 232 (2022).

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Shield laws also raise serious constitutional concerns, including the Full Faith and Credit Clause of the Constitution, because they do not give “full faith and credit” to the judicial proceedings occurring in other States. U.S. Const. art. IV, § 1. When New York or California refuse to respect a criminal prosecution or a civil judgment against an individual who is accused of violating the abortion laws of another State, it is refusing to give full faith and credit to that State’s judicial proceedings. Similarly, shield laws could run afoul of the Extradition Clause.

To prevent pro-abortion states from flouting other States’ abortion laws and trampling on the Constitution, this committee should consider stepping in and tackling this issue head-on with legislation that preempts state shield laws. This would help preserve the principles of federalism while ensuring that each State retains the ability to restrict abortions as it sees fit within its borders without interference from other States.

Sincerely,



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