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### Mississippi in Action (MIA) Condemns Potential Nationwide Ban on Mifepristone

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Mississippi in Action (MIA), a leading reproductive justice organization in Jackson, Mississippi, strongly condemns the recent actions by Texas judges to potentially ban mifepristone, a critical medication used for early medication abortion. This decision, if allowed to stand, would have devastating consequences for individuals seeking safe and accessible reproductive healthcare across the nation.

Mifepristone, also known as the abortion pill, is a medication used in combination with misoprostol to safely terminate early pregnancies. It has been proven to be safe and effective, and is recognized as a critical option for reproductive healthcare, particularly for individuals in underserved communities with limited access to healthcare facilities.

The potential nationwide ban on mifepristone would severely restrict access to this important medication, disproportionately impacting marginalized communities, including people of color, low-income individuals, and those in rural areas. It would further exacerbate the already existing barriers to reproductive healthcare, and deny individuals their fundamental right to make autonomous decisions about their own bodies and reproductive health.

"Mifepristone has allowed patients to make their own private medical decisions, and expanded access to reproductive health care – something that is very clearly under threat in this country," shares Valencia Robinson, Executive Director of Mississippi in Action

MIA denounces any attempts to restrict or ban access to mifepristone or any other reproductive healthcare options. We stand in solidarity with individuals across the nation who are fighting for their reproductive rights and bodily autonomy. We call on policymakers and lawmakers to prioritize the health and well-being of individuals seeking reproductive healthcare and to protect their rights to access safe and legal abortion care.

MIA remains committed to our mission of advancing reproductive justice and fighting for equitable access to reproductive healthcare for all individuals, regardless of their race, gender, or socioeconomic status. We will continue to advocate for policies that promote reproductive health, rights, and justice in our community and beyond.

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**About Mississippi in Action (MIA)**

Mississippi in Action (MIA) is a reproductive justice organization based in Jackson, Mississippi, dedicated to promoting reproductive health, rights, and justice for all individuals. MIA works to advance policies and initiatives that ensure equitable access to reproductive healthcare, and advocates for the rights and autonomy of individuals in making decisions about their own reproductive health.

