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To Whom It May Concern:

I am strongly opposed to making the morning-after abortion pill available without a doctor's prescription. No one knows what the long-term effects of EC will be. Birth control pill use has been related to subsequent infertility problems. Will EC effect a woman's long-term fertility?

Breast cancer is related to variations in estrogen levels. How will EC effect the women who take EC? Will they have an increased risk to breast cancer?

EC does not prevent conception. It kills a developing child (embryo) after conception. The intended effect of this drug is to harden or disturb the lining of the womb in such a way as to prevent the human embryo from being implanted. As a result, the human embryo, a living, genetically unique human being will be aborted and expelled from the mother's body.

The failure of EC is from 10% to 30%. When EC fails to abort the newly conceived child, or when the woman takes this drug after a child is already nestled in her womb, what risks does high exposure to estrogen pose to the unborn child?

Contraception results in the increase of sexually transmitted diseases, especially of the ovaries and oviducts, due to sexual permissiveness. The consequences of this are increasing female sterility and tubal pregnancies.

The children of the United States are important to the economy of our country. They are the future consumers. They are the ones who will produce the goods our citizens need to survive. They are the ones who will pay Social Security taxes to provide for our elderly citizens. Will the U.S. go the way of the Roman Empire? Extinction!

Do not make EC available over-the counter. You will be doing a great disservice to our country.

Sincerely yours,

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