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Governor Jared Polis
State Capitol Building
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Governor Polis,

On behalf of AAPLOG Action, the advocacy arm of the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists (AAPLOG), we respectfully urge you to veto HB26-1335.

The American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists (AAPLOG) represents approximately 8,000 women's healthcare professionals nationwide. As physicians and healthcare professionals committed to evidence-based medicine and excellent standards of care for women, we are deeply concerned that HB26-1335 places ideology above sound medical practice and creates unnecessary risks for Colorado women—particularly young women on college campuses. By requiring student health centers at institutions of higher education to prescribe and facilitate access to abortion drugs, this legislation mandates the provision of a medical intervention in settings that are often ill-equipped to manage its known and potentially serious complications.

HB26-1335 fails to require even the most basic safety protocols associated with prescribing abortion drugs. The bill contains no requirement for ultrasound confirmation, in-person medical evaluation, or accurate gestational dating—all standard safeguards necessary to identify ectopic pregnancy and determine whether a patient is an appropriate candidate for these drugs. These omissions are not minor technicalities; they are serious lapses that put women at risk.

The dangers are well documented. Abortion drugs carry known risks including hemorrhage, incomplete abortion, and infection, with serious adverse events reported in a significant

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percentage of patients.ⁱ A recent report shows that as many as 11% of women experience serious adverse events within 45 days.ⁱⁱ Yet most campus health centers lack emergency surgical capability, obstetric specialists, ultrasound equipment, or 24/7 physician coverage to address these complications when they occur. This bill effectively shifts the burden of those complications onto emergency departments and surrounding healthcare systems—without ensuring continuity of care for vulnerable patients.

HB26-1335 also raises troubling concerns about coercion, accountability, and conscience rights. By expanding abortion drug access without adequate safeguards, the bill increases the risk of coercion among a uniquely vulnerable student population. It fails to protect healthcare professionals and institutions who object to participating in abortion-related services on ethical or medical grounds.

Governor Polis, this is not a question of politics—it is a question of whether Colorado will uphold basic medical standards and protect young women from preventable harm. Good public policy should preserve patient safety, professional integrity, and informed consent. HB26-1335 does the opposite.

We respectfully ask you to stand with Colorado’s young women by vetoing HB26-1335.

Sincerely,

AAPLOG Action

ⁱ <https://aaplog.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/AAPLOG-Statement-on-FDA-removing-mifepristone-REMS-April-2021-1.pdf>

ⁱⁱ <https://eppc.org/stop-harming-women/>

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