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SCOTUS case to determine access to medication abortion nationwide could impact contraception

WASHINGTON – Today, March 26, 2024, the Supreme Court of the United States, SCOTUS, will hear [FDA v. Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine](#), consolidated with [Danco v. Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine](#). The high court’s ruling could set a dangerous precedent for how the FDA makes decisions regarding reproductive health drugs, given potential political, ideological and/or religious interferences in the agency’s approvals process.

“The FDA can only function well when it is free from interference by religious ideology and political agendas,” said CAI Co-founder Dana Singiser. “Reproductive health care products once again are being singled out and targeted in unprecedented fashion not based on medicine, but motivated by personal religious and cultural beliefs.”

The Catholic Medical Association — the group that founded Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine — has also campaigned against the application to the FDA for over-the-counter access to Opill, a progestin-only birth control that recently became available on retail shelves without a prescription. The Catholic Medical Association was joined by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Catholic Nurses Association in [lobbying](#) the Food and Drug Administration not to approve the Opill application for over-the-counter status, despite overwhelming consensus among leading medical groups in favor of approval. There is also concern that other products, such as [emergency contraception](#), may become a target of the extremist judiciary.

“Contraception is critical to help people plan their families and their futures,” said Dr. Raegan McDonald-Mosley, CEO of Power to Decide, CAI Chief Medical Advisor and a practicing OB-GYN. “The court must not assume the role of scientists at the FDA. Approval of any medication must be based on scientific evidence and not ideology.”

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