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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

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Via Certified Mail

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RE: Notice of Cease and Desist

Dear Ms. Lynch:

The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) has become aware that you and your organization, Her Safe Harbor, have been mailing abortion drugs into the State of Texas in violation of both state and federal laws. This letter serves as your notice to immediately **CEASE AND DESIST** all illegal activity.

The Austin-American Statesman reported that you have been prescribing and shipping abortion drugs in quantities that would facilitate up to 162 abortions per week, including to Texas residents.¹ You are quoted as confirming that your organization, Her Safe Harbor, is “shipping [abortion drugs] to Texas,” including to locations in Tomball, Houston, Beaumont, Fulshear, and El Paso.²

This conduct violates multiple state and federal laws.

Performing, inducing, or attempting an abortion is prohibited in the State of Texas by the Human Life Protection Act, except for the rare circumstance when a woman has a life-threatening physical condition that poses a risk of death or serious physical impairment unless an abortion is performed. Tex. Health & Safety Code § 170A.002(a), (b); *see also* Texas Revised Civil Statutes Art. 4512.1–4512.6. Any person who “knowingly engages in conduct that aids or abets the performance or inducement of an abortion” is civilly and criminally liable for violating Texas’s abortion laws. Tex. Health & Safety Code § 171.208; Tex. Health & Safety Code § 170A.004, Tex.

¹ <https://www.statesman.com/story/opinion/columns/2025/01/16/abortion-pill-texas-ban-law-mifepristone-misoprostol-plan-c-pills/77332833007/>

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Pen. Code § 7.02.

Furthermore, Texas law also specifically prohibits:

- Anyone not licensed as a physician in Texas from performing an abortion, Tex. Health & Safety Code §§ 171.003; 171.063(a)(1);
- A person from providing abortion-inducing drugs to a pregnant woman, Tex. Health & Safety Code § 171.063(a)(2);
- A manufacturer, supplier, physician, or any other person from providing to a patient any abortion-inducing drug by courier, delivery, or mail service, Tex. Health & Safety Code § 171.063(b-1).

In addition, the Comstock Act of 1873 prohibits the carriage in interstate commerce of “any drug, medicine, article, or thing designed, adapted or intended for producing abortion.” 18 U.S.C. § 1462. Similarly, it prohibits the mailing of any “article, instrument, substance, drug, medicine, or thing which is advertised or described in a manner calculated to lead another to use or apply it for producing abortion.” *Id.* § 1461.

Texas also prohibits false, misleading, or deceptive trade practices under the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act (DTPA), Tex. Bus. & Comm. Code § 17.46. Your organization’s website, HerSafeHarbor.com, advertises “safe and discreet abortion treatments” via the combination of mifepristone and misoprostol, and claims that mifepristone “has a safety record of over 99%.”³ But a recent study found that “real-world insurance claims data for 865,727 prescribed mifepristone abortions” shows “a serious adverse event rate of 10.93 percent.” Jamie Bryan Hall & Ryan T. Anderson, *The Abortion Pill Harms Women: Insurance Data Reveals One in Ten Patients Experiences a Serious Adverse Event*, Ethics and Public Policy Center (Apr. 28, 2025), <https://tinyurl.com/35exx9p7>.

Based on the information you provided to the Austin-American Statesman and the representations in your online advertisements, it appears that you and your organization’s business practices are violating multiple state and federal laws. The Attorney General of Texas accordingly demands that you **IMMEDIATELY CEASE AND DESIST** from misrepresenting the safety profile of abortion drugs and mailing abortion-inducing drugs into the State of Texas.

If you refuse to comply, a formal investigation will be initiated, and the Attorney General may bring a lawsuit against you for injunctive relief and civil penalties. If the Attorney General finds that you have committed violations of Texas’s abortion laws, you will be prosecuted to the fullest extent permitted by law. The Attorney General may seek civil penalties for violations of the Human Life Protection Act of **not less than \$100,000 per violation and civil penalties for violations of the DTPA of up to \$10,000 per violation.**

To avoid further action, notify the OAG of the steps you have taken to remedy your

³ <https://hersafeharbor.com/what-we-do/>; <https://hersafeharbor.com/what-are-abortion-pills/>

violations of Texas law within 14 days of the date of this letter. Your response should be in writing and addressed to the address below. Alternatively, you may provide your response by email to Amy.Hilton@oag.texas.gov.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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