

COURT UPHOLDS OHIO'S RU 486 LAW

On May 23, 2011, U.S. District Court Judge Susan Dlott upheld Ohio's 2004 law which requires abortion providers to administer the two-stage abortifacient RU 486 according to the protocol developed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). While this helps protect women's health, unfortunately, RU 486 may still be used to abort unborn human beings.

The law was scheduled to take effect September 23, 2004, but was blocked because of a lawsuit filed by Planned Parenthood. Planned Parenthood sought to use RU 486 outside the restrictions set by the FDA, in spite of the fact that failing to follow the guidelines contributed to the deaths of four women in California. At least 32 women worldwide have died using RU 486.

For more complete coverage, and a comparison of the short-term maternal complications resulting from RU 486 (or medical) abortions compared to surgical abortions, see our website and click on News and then on the story with this same headline). 6/20/11

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