



**CWA of California**

***Action Alert***

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*Greetings:*

*CWA's national legislation department issued this alert today. We encourage you to pray and act to help ensure that the morning-after pill is not made available over the counter.*

*Thank you for taking the time to let your voice be heard!*

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The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will decide this week whether to allow Plan B, a morning-after pill, to be available over-the-counter to anyone who is over 16 years old and to those younger than 16 with a prescription. After the FDA denied its first application for over-the-counter status last May, Barr Labs, the owner of Plan B, filed a new application with this marketing scheme, purportedly to address concerns that the drug has not been adequately tested for the health effects on adolescents.

Proponents loudly claim that easy access will reduce pregnancy rates and abortions. Not so, according to studies - even studies designed by morning-after pill advocates.

A new study released last week showed that easy access did not increase "unprotected sex"; but buried in the announcement was the startling admission that the study's purpose was to show a decrease in pregnancy rates. Surprise! No statistical difference was found among women who had three packs of the drug in hand, those who went to a pharmacy to get it, or those who had to go to a clinic.

The study also found that women (15 - 24 years old) who had the drugs in hand were likely to use it more than once in a six-month period. Yet, no studies have been done to determine the medical effect of multiple uses of this high dose of hormones.

Other studies show no decrease in the number of abortions where the drug is easy to obtain.

Abortion advocates - including congressmen - are exerting immense pressure on the FDA to make this drug easy to get. They argue that other countries make it available, so the U.S. should as well. Not mentioned is that these countries also experience a surge in sexually transmitted diseases when the drug is available without prescription.

And one country found that the most frequent buyer of the morning-after pill is men, who sometimes slip it to women without their knowledge or consent.

Easy access to the morning-after pill does not reduce pregnancy rates, increases sexually transmitted disease rates, and accommodates men who seek to abuse women and girls.

Please contact the FDA now and urge the agency to continue requiring a prescription for the morning-after pill. Tell the FDA, "Please do not approve any scheme to make the morning-

after pill available without prescription." The FDA's phone number is (301) 594-5400. Or, click [here](#) for a prepared email.

The FDA's deadline is January 22, 2005. We know that pro-abortion groups are already asking their members to call the FDA as well. Time is of the essence, so please do not delay. Thank you.

Sincerely,

The Legislation Department  
Concerned Women for America