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# STATEMENT

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## Statement From Attorney General Anthony Brown on Fifth Circuit Ruling on Medication Abortion

**BALTIMORE, MD (August 17, 2023)** – Attorney General Anthony G. Brown issued the following the statement after Wednesday’s ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit affirming portions of a district court’s order limiting access to mifepristone, a drug which is widely used for medication abortion:

“Mifepristone has been a safe and effective tool in safeguarding people's reproductive rights for over two decades. Any attempt to limit the availability of this crucial abortion medication undermines the rights and health of people across our nation.

The court ruling retains unnecessary restrictions which make mifepristone less accessible, disregarding the importance of ensuring safe and timely access to reproductive healthcare. We will continue our fight against those restrictions, which are stayed by the Supreme Court. Medication abortion has allowed countless individuals to exercise their autonomy and make personal decisions about their own bodies. The court's decision to curtail its availability threatens to push people towards riskier alternatives and diminishes their ability to make their own informed choices.

I will continue to fight to preserve mifepristone's accessibility and the overall reproductive rights that are essential to the well-being and autonomy of Marylanders and people across our nation.”

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