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Supreme Court Rejects Challenge Brought by Anti-Abortion Advocates Attempting to Limit Access to Abortion Medication

Today, the U.S. Supreme Court has unanimously decided in *FDA v. Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine* and *Danco Laboratories LLC v. Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine* that a group of anti-abortion physicians and medical organizations had no legal right to sue the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for its actions expanding access to mifepristone – a safe and effective abortion medication that has been available in the United States for over two decades.

Ensuring equitable access to high quality health care services – including abortion care – is especially important for Black communities and has been a long-standing concern for the Legal Defense Fund (LDF). Black people have historically faced profound inequities in accessing reproductive and abortion care, and these inequities have been exacerbated by the Court’s 2022 decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*.

“With today’s decision, the Supreme Court correctly rejected anti-abortion organizations’ attempts to reverse the FDA’s 2016 and 2021 decisions regarding mifepristone, a medication with an established record of safety and efficacy. LDF will continue working to secure the rights of Black communities to access health care, including abortion care,” **said Alexandra Thompson, Senior Counsel at LDF.**

In January 2024, LDF filed an [amicus brief](#) in support of the FDA and Danco Laboratories. In it, we outlined how restricting access to mifepristone would deny people access to abortion care and have a significant impact on Black communities.

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