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Rep. Pitts calls on FDA to face truth about deadly drug

Washington—Congressman Joe Pitts (R, PA-16) today issued the following statement regarding the announcement by the Food and Drug Administration that it would require the makers of mifepristone (trade name Mifeprex, commonly known as RU-486) to clearly state the dangers of the drug on the label.

Reports submitted to the drug's maker, Danco Laboratories, and the FDA show that RU-486 can cause serious bacterial infection, bleeding, ectopic pregnancies that have ruptured, and death.

"The labeling is a good start. But the FDA needs to face the deadly truth about RU-486. The label changes suggest dangers, but they do nothing to make the drug safe. We're not talking about innocent side effects like a headache or dizziness. They include serious infections and death. If this were any other drug, it would be pulled from the market in a second. But the extremist agenda of pro-abortion activists will not consider that possibility. RU-486 should not be given a free pass just because we're afraid to do the right thing. Strongly worded warning labels will not bring back the lives that have been lost or heal the women who have experienced irreversible adverse effects of this dangerous pill. To save women's lives, outlaw the drug," said Congressman Pitts.

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