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House Committee on Health and Human Services
206 Washington Street Room 436
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Chair Cooper and Vice Chair Newton,

On behalf of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM), I am writing to express strong opposition to [SB 456](#) which would curtail the reproductive rights of the residents of Georgia and leave some facing life-threatening risk.

ASRM is a multidisciplinary organization of nearly 8,000 professionals dedicated to the advancement of the art, science, and practice of reproductive medicine. Distinguished members of ASRM include obstetricians and gynecologists, urologists, reproductive endocrinologists, embryologists, mental health professionals and others.

SB 456 seeks to further restrict the people of Georgia's access to abortion to include medication abortion. What the bill does not take into account is both the medical necessity and efficacy of the procedure. Evidence-based practice, for which ASRM and major medical groups have all voiced support, shows that medication abortion is safe and cost-effective to the patient and the state up to the first nine weeks of pregnancy. For survivors of trauma, the ability to manage their care in a safe setting is crucial to their emotional well-being. Perhaps most critically, for Georgians experiencing miscarriage, the same pills used in a medication abortion are used in clinical practice to manage a non-viable pregnancy up to 13 weeks saving the patient additional trauma of a medical procedure to remove the non-viable pregnancy. Criminalizing and banning these medications as proposed in SB 456 would put the women of Georgia at risk.

I strongly urge you to oppose the passage of SB 456.

For more information, feel free to contact me or Sean Tipton, our Chief Advocacy and Policy officer at Stipton@asrm.org or 202-421-5112.

Sincerely,

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