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Temperance is total abstinence from all things harmful, and the moderate use of all things good.

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The Secretary  
Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Sir / Madam

With regard to the Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Repeal of Ministerial Responsibility for approval of RU486) Bill 2005, please accept the following comments.

There are far too many abortions currently in Australia, often through no or inappropriate birth control measures. Women who later want a baby are often then not able to have one naturally. May we suggest that more education be given to women to guard against unwanted pregnancies, rather than providing abortion drugs.

Far from being a "safe" drug, some deaths have occurred to women who have taken this drug, especially when some abnormality is present, such as an ectopic pregnancy. If, for example, a school nurse gives this drug to a young girl, without a proper medical examination, it could be serious, and result in death not only to the fetus, but also to the young woman.

RU486 works by starving the developing baby of nourishment. The mother then takes another drug which causes her to deliver the child. She may then face the trauma of seeing a tiny dead baby with hands and feet dropped into the toilet bowl. This is surely unacceptable for any Australian woman.

We would urge the Committee to recommend no change to the present law requiring ministerial approval for restricted goods.

Yours sincerely



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NATIONAL PRESIDENT

