

Statement on South Carolina Abortion Ban Bill - April 2026

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South Carolina lawmakers are advancing Senate Bill 1095, a broad abortion ban that would go farther than any bill in the country—criminalizing patients for their private healthcare decisions. This law would make it so that a patient who receives safe, effective, FDA-approved pills by mail from a licensed physician to end their pregnancy could be charged with a misdemeanor and face up to two years in prison. These medications are not addictive, are safer than many commonly prescribed drugs, and have been used globally for decades. This effort makes clear that telehealth and medication abortion are the new central political battleground. This shows how much is at stake in preserving access to telemedicine and increasing patient protections.

— *Julie F. Kay, JD, Founder and Executive Director, Reproductive Futures*