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To Whom It May Concern:

**Your action to delete our Louisiana Right to Life YouTube Channel is a blatant act of censorship.**

You removed our channel following a video we uploaded regarding the danger of how abortion pills are sold without a prescription or doctor's screening to minors. However, you clearly permit pro-abortion videos on the same topic to be viewed hundreds of thousands of times.

**We are writing to demand you immediately reinstate our channel.**

On Tuesday May 14<sup>th</sup>, without warning, you deleted our Louisiana Right to Life YouTube channel. Our channel has existed for over a decade and includes many videos.

We only received two communications from you on this matter. In the first, you stated that you found "severe or repeated violations" of your "harmful and dangerous policy" and informed us you removed our channel.

You continued by stating that we violated the following policy: "Content that facilitates the sale of certain illegal or regulated goods and services, like drugs or pharmaceuticals without a prescription, isn't allowed on YouTube."

We then appealed your decision, but after you reviewed our channel "carefully," you again stated that we violated your "harmful and dangerous policy" in the second of only two communications.

On Tuesday, we posted a video on YouTube highlighting our investigative report showing how dangerously easy it is to purchase illegal abortion pills online. We can only presume this video is the cause of your action as we received no direct reason for the immediate and definite termination of our channel.

**Our video is not dangerous or harmful. Instead, it is the rampant distribution of abortion pills without a doctor's prescription that is dangerous. Your actions to censor videos that expose this danger and allow videos that promote abortion pills without a prescription only worsen the situation.**

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It is blatantly false to state that our videos were "facilitating" the sale of "illegal or regulated goods and services, like drugs or pharmaceuticals without a prescription." In fact, we emphatically agree with your policy that the illegal sale of drugs without a prescription is dangerous for citizens. In fact, that is exactly what we were doing that precipitated your misguided decision to delete our account.

In the video, we focused on five instances where abortion-pill distributors egregiously violated the law to help girls get the abortion pills through the mail.

FDA guidelines require that these abortion pills be appropriately prescribed by a licensed healthcare practitioner. In addition, the FDA states that those prescribing these pills must screen for the presence of ectopic pregnancies, even if in a telemedicine scenario. If a woman takes these pills without proper screening and does have an ectopic pregnancy, her health is at risk. Furthermore, the FDA maintained that the gestational limit for the use of these pills is the 10th week of pregnancy.

This most recent, now deleted, video shows how online businesses are selling abortion pills...

- with no physician oversight.
- without requiring a prescription.
- without health screenings for ectopic pregnancies.
- to minors without any parental involvement.
- to individuals with a gestational age above the FDA guidelines of 10 weeks.
- without requiring proof of identification, thereby allowing predators (i.e. abusive partner, sex-traffickers etc.) to purchase pills.

The illegal sale of abortion pills is out-of-control in Louisiana, and our video was meant to expose the danger to Louisiana citizens.

In Louisiana, RS 14:87.9 states that it is a criminal offense when a person "knowingly causes an abortion to occur by means of delivering, dispensing, distributing, or providing a pregnant woman with an abortion-inducing drug". Furthermore, R.S. 40:1060.1 states that it is currently illegal "for a person to possess any legend drug, also known as a prescription drug, without a lawful script from a physician." The abortion-inducing drugs misoprostol and mifepristone are currently prescription drugs.

Your claim that our video was "facilitating" the sale of these illegal drugs is preposterous. Our video was exposing the illegal activity, not intentionally making it easier for anyone to order an abortion pill.

On the other hand, there are other videos on your platform that do violate your policies by promoting the illegal sale of abortion pills and inform viewers where to purchase the abortion pills even in states where the law makes it illegal to sell them. Of course, these are pro-abortion videos. It is no surprise you have elected to censor our content and not censor their content.

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In a brief search of YouTube, we found the following videos that we believe violate your policy:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xsCfC2oa4ss>
  - Posted March 2024
  - The video links to many websites for abortion pill businesses.
  - The video makes statements like...
    - You can access the pills “No matter where you live”
    - “I’m not telling you to do it I’m just telling you how people do it”
    - “You might say this seems sketchy. I hear you... but you can talk to a doctor who can mail them across state lines!”
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4d7hkvdGj7s>
  - This video promotes taking the pill at 8:09.
  - At 10:00, the video promotes PlanC.org and Aid Access and says, “What’s really great is that states that have banned abortion past a certain age, you can still get the pills.”
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i7b30InOyfc&rco=1>
  - You are making available for purchase the documentary “Plan C” that focuses on the systemic illegal sale of abortion pills across the United States. In this situation, by selling the video, you are profiting off a video that violates your own policies.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hbbDwhKNquY>: Promotes Aid Access via MayDay health
  - The same person in the above video promotes aid access, specifically linking to it in this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q6NHEukAnNI>. She says, “It is available in some form in every state.”

Furthermore, your actions to delete our channel with no warning is directly in violation of your own policy.

In your policies on Illegal or Regulated Goods or Services, the stated procedure for a violation is first removal of the content followed by an email to the poster. The policies then state that a first-time violation is likely to receive a warning with no penalty and that only a severe single case of abuse or a channel dedicated to a policy violation would merit immediate termination. Seeing as our actions did not violate your policies, your decision completely bypassed your rules and deleted **our entire channel** with no warning.

We request that you honor both your own policies and our ability to inform the public of the risk to public health by expeditiously reactivating our YouTube channel.

Respectfully,



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