Dear

When I learned in January 2023 that the FDA authorized retail pharmacies to dispense the abortion drug Mifeprex (mifepristone), it was very troubling to me. I understand that the only purpose of this drug is to terminate a pregnancy- to cause a chemical abortion.

Perhaps you are aware that chemical abortion pills have serious risks for women, leading to hemorrhage, infection, infertility, and death. I am concerned that making them readily available without special medical supervision will lead to more women suffering these dangerous side-effects. They could also be used by abusers who force women to take them without their knowledge or consent.

Abortion is a very divisive issue in our society, and it worries me that it seems to be invading every aspect of our lives, even our neighborhood pharmacies. I imagine that you and the pharmacists on your staff became health care providers because of a sincere desire to deliver quality care and treatment to your patients. I fear that this new rule could endanger the conscience rights of your staff members who do not wish to get involved with abortion.

It is my earnest hope that this pharmacy does not intend to become certified to dispense abortion drugs. I regret to inform you that if you do, I will be forced to transfer my patronage elsewhere. While I cannot in good conscience support a business that directly facilitates the death of unborn children and risks the health of women, I also believe it is in your best interest to stay away from this controversial industry. Unfortunately, there are plenty of other ways for women to obtain an abortion in New York should they choose to do so.