

Plan B worse than Plan A

The FAMIly LEADER expressed grave concerns about the irresponsibility of a federal judge's order on Friday that the "morning-after" pill be available to girls of all ages without a prescription.

U.S. District Judge Edward Korman in Brooklyn, New York ordered the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to make the potent drug available.

Bob Vander Plaats, the President and CEO of The FAMIly LEADER made the following remarks about the judge's order:

"This ruling is a step backwards and is grossly irresponsible. Making Plan B available to girls under the age of 17 without a prescription is not founded on good science, good medicine, or responsible thinking. It ignores the reasonable need for parents to know what chemicals are being given to their children, and it ignores the reasonable need for their family physician to give knowledgeable counsel."

"What if a girl has a medical condition in which taking Plan B would cause a reaction? It is medically unethical and irresponsible to give any drugs to small, young girls without the consent of someone who is familiar with their medical history, namely their parents or family physician."

"When I was a high school teacher and high school principal, we were required to obtain a parent's note to dispense even an aspirin, but now 13-year-olds can now go to the counter and get the "morning after" pill?"

"Common sense shows that tempting young boys and girls with the allure of "sex without consequences" only encourages sexual activity, which the Bible teaches, and science and psychology substantiate, is best reserved for the bonds of

marriage.”

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