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We Must Secure the Right to Contraception

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In late September, Michigan's Republican attorney general nominee Matt DePerno **erroneously compared** the emergency contraceptive Plan B to fentanyl at a conference in Texas, suggesting his state should "ban the pill." DePerno is not the first politician to propose limiting contraceptive access following the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, in which Justice Clarence Thomas made it clear that the constitutional right to contraception could be in jeopardy.

Although nearly all Americans **approve of** and use some form of contraception, many experience barriers to receiving the contraceptive care they desire. Since *Roe v. Wade* was overturned, GOP leaders have set their sights on restricting methods of emergency contraception, including **Plan B** and IUDs. The current political climate, characterized by cascading threats to reproductive healthcare and autonomy, has revealed that obstacles to obtaining contraception could intensify if we do not take action to protect access.