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Alabamas 2006 chemical endangerment law was passed to deter people from bringing children to places where controlled substances are manufactured, such as methamphetamine laboratories. The statute makes no mention of pregnancy, pregnant women, or unborn children. That has not stopped prosecutors in Alabama from arresting and prosecuting over 60 Alabama mothers under this law for continuing their pregnancies to term in spite of a drug problem.

Forty-seven medical, public health, and legal advocacy groups and individuals, including the American Medical Association, the American Psychiatric Association, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and the American Nurses Association filed an amicus (friend of the court) brief in the Alabama Supreme Court on behalf of two of these women urging it to prohibit these prosecutions in order to best protect the health of both women and children.

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