



## **MEDIA ADVISORY:**

*Fitzpatrick to Announce Legislation Regarding Dangerous Essure Medical Device*

**WHO:** Congressman Mike Fitzpatrick (R-PA)  
Dozens of women harmed by *Essure*

**WHAT:** Rep. Fitzpatrick will join women harmed by the permanent sterilization device *Essure* to announce legislation regarding the device's FDA approval.

Since it first appeared on the market in 2002, thousands of complications have occurred as a direct result of *Essure*. The FDA has received over 5,000 formal complaints and has reported symptoms of extreme pelvic and abdominal pain, internal bleeding, autoimmune reactions, loss of teeth and hair, and the metal coil breaking and migrating throughout the body. Furthermore, the product is responsible for deaths of four women and five unborn children. The stories of the more than 22,000 [Essure Sisters](#), along with the growing amount of data relating to adverse events, highlight the need for this device to be removed from the market.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, Nov. 4  
2pm

**WHERE:** House Triangle\*  
U.S. Capitol Building

*\*Mult box on site*

**RSVP:** Contact Aaron Clark ([aaron.clark@mail.house.gov](mailto:aaron.clark@mail.house.gov)) to RSVP your attendance or for more information. If you are covering from out of area, please contact to set up alternate options.

*"I feel like my children have lost their mother for the last 3 years. I now have chronic pelvic pain, back pain, major hair loss, very painful and heavy menstrual cycles, dental issues, aches all over my body, extreme fatigue and depression. As a single, hardworking mother, all I can do is push forward through all the pain."*

**- Essure Victim**

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