

These are everyday moms, sisters, daughters and aunts from around the country who by virtue of a faulty medical device, have had their worlds turned upside-down.

➡ A Dangerous Device.



Essure is a permanent sterilization device for women. This medical device is a nickel-based metal coil designed to be inserted in the fallopian tube and cause tissue scarring.

It was approved through the Food and Drug Administration's most rigorous approval process known as Premarket Approval, or PMA. The FDA has received nearly 10,000 formal complaints related to Essure.

➡ A Social Movement.

We don't know how STRONG WE ARE until being strong is the ONLY CHOICE WE HAVE
e-Sisters

With the world stacked against them and no one to turn to, these women found comfort in an online community of others who shared their experience. While they could have been content to focus on

their misfortune, they chose to fight on. When no one heard them, they spoke louder. When the law prevented them legal recourse, they worked to change the law. And when the FDA refused to review discrepancies in the data, they crunched the numbers themselves.

➡ An Inept FDA.



A testament to their work has been the slow and steady turning of the tide against Essure. Through their efforts the FDA has been forced to acknowledge major discrepancies in its

publicly reported data, that Essure was under-labeled for physicians and patients to understand the risks associated, and that more studies are needed.

While these outcomes won't take away their suffering or be the ultimate victory of removing Essure from the market, they mark progress in a fight that would not have been possible without them.



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This week was my final closure to my [#essurenightmare](#). Monday my hysterectomy & yesterday my angel's stone. [#fda](#)



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For tens of thousands, the personal decision to pursue a non-surgical method of permanent contraception left them with debilitating pain, allergic reactions to nickel, loss of teeth and hair, and countless other complications. What's worse, the defective device led to at least four women's deaths and the death of nearly 300 unborn children.

Tragically, Ariel Grace was one of the unborn children killed by the Essure device. And because of how current law is written, the manufacturer will never be held liable for her death or harm and suffering the device has caused for tens of thousands of other victims.

Ariel Grace's Law will resolve that injustice and ensure that medical device manufacturers are incentivized to maintain the safest and most effective products for all patients.

