

Johnson & Johnson Statement on Subcommittee Hearing on Testing of Talc

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We understand consumers may have questions about talc, and we want to share the facts on this issue. Unfortunately, the one-sided format of today's hearing was indistinguishable from what has already been propagated by plaintiff lawyers in the ongoing litigation.

We had hoped to contribute to a balanced and meaningful discussion about such a highly specialized topic, yet after ongoing conversations with the Subcommittee, it rejected hearing from our technical expert who holds multiple degrees in geology and has decades of experience testing for asbestos. It also refused to hear from our company group chairwoman responsible for the North American Consumer Health business. We repeatedly informed the Subcommittee that our CEO is not an expert in the hearing topic, and we respectfully declined the invitation for our CEO to testify. Our December 2, 2019, letter to the Subcommittee detailing our position can be accessed [here](#). We remain committed to continuing to work with the Subcommittee on this issue.

Notwithstanding the concerns we expressed to the Subcommittee about the setup of the hearing, it summoned three paid plaintiff experts who testify against the company in ongoing litigation, two of whom have received millions of dollars in that capacity. Additionally, both Drs. Longo and Moline changed their opinions as it relates to talc after being paid to testify against Johnson & Johnson. When he was involved in prior litigation against other companies, Dr. Longo said cosmetic talc does not contain asbestos. Previously, Dr. Moline said that talc from the deposits used by Johnson & Johnson does not contain asbestos.

We stand behind the quality and safety of our talc-based products. Johnson's Baby Powder is safe, does not contain asbestos nor does it cause cancer, as reflected in more than 40 years of scientific evidence. Just last week, we [publicly released](#) 155 third-party test results showing no asbestos in our talc. More information is available at FactsAboutTalc.com.

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