

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515-2308

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The Honorable Robert Califf, M.D.  
Commissioner  
U.S. Food and Drug Administration  
10903 New Hampshire Ave  
Silver Spring, MN 20993-0002

Dear Commissioner Califf:

We write to you to immediately address the country's baby formula crisis. Parents across Minnesota and throughout the United States are growing increasingly worried about how to feed their children and this Administration has failed to adequately address these concerns.

The policy decisions of this Administration have incentivized unemployment, skyrocketed inflation, and exacerbated our supply chain issues. Now, the food security of millions of babies is threatened.

The Biden Administration has told the American people that the supply chain crisis is a "high class" problem.<sup>1</sup> This is patently false. Local grocery and convenience stores have had empty shelves for months, especially in the rural communities of greater Minnesota, where hardworking Americans from all walks of life are struggling to find basic necessities for their families.

Forty percent of the nation's formula was out of stock by the end of April 2022, and the formula that is available is up eighteen percent in cost. Parents should not be desperate to feed their children. Developing a solution must be your agency's top priority.

In the spirit of transparency, we ask that you provide a response to the following:

1. When did your agency first become aware that a baby formula shortage was on the horizon? What immediate actions, if any, did your agency take to slow or prevent the shortage?
2. Given the urgency of this crisis, please provide a step-by-step plan to ramp up production to meet the demands for baby formula. Further, please explain how the agency intends to ensure the integrity of baby formula is maintained.
3. What steps, if any, does your agency have in place to address national emergencies, such as a baby formula shortage?
4. What steps will your agency take to ensure a baby formula shortage does not occur in the future?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://news.yahoo.com/ron-klain-says-supply-chain-134058867.html>

This crisis cannot be taken lightly, and we demand a prompt response. That said, we stand ready to assist in any way we can to ensure that Minnesotan families and their children do not suffer from this shortage any longer. Do not hesitate to contact our offices at any time.

Sincerely,



Pete Stauber  
Member of Congress



Tom Emmer  
Member of Congress



Michelle Fischbach  
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