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RE: the National Toxicology Program's draft reports
on Genistein and Soy Formula

Dear Dr. Shelby:

Soy infant formula should be considered "safe until proven otherwise"?
Failure to prove danger of a product does NOT prove that the product is
therefore safe.

It is axiomatic that soy mimics estrogens in the body – how can messing
around with hormones be considered SAFE for infants? France, Britain,
and Israel take a much more cautious stance on soy. They have
considered the many studies that raise serious concerns about the effect
of soy phytoestrogens on a child's development: the brain, the
reproductive system, the thyroid. Some of these concerns have been
raised by researchers and toxicologists from the FDA and NIEHS!

Please, please, don't make our children the guinea pigs on whom the
safety or danger of soy is proven! Thalidomide was considered safe until
proven otherwise, and many of our children paid the price. Instead of
"safe until proven otherwise" (which will be proven in the bodies of our
most helpless citizens) please use instead the guideline "better safe than
sorry."

Sincerely,

Carma Paden

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