

Dear Dr. Shelby:

With regard to the meeting of the expert panel taking place the week after next, I wanted to make you aware of a case of serious allegations of scientific fraud against the author of three papers that are included in the draft report on soy-based infant formulas. An investigative piece regarding Dr. R.K. Chandra of Memorial University in Newfoundland appeared on three consecutive evenings on the evening news of Canada's national broadcasting network at the beginning of February and can be accessed at the following website:

<http://www.cbc.ca/national/news/chandra/>

Given the seriousness of the allegations, and the fact that the expert panel had deemed the results of Dr. Chandra's studies to be useful in the evaluation of safety of soy-based infant formulas, the panel may wish to reconsider how these studies are presented in the report (ref #s 136, 137, 138).

Sincerely,

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