

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1011

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Esther Hallam
Chief Executive Officer
Nara Organics
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New York, New York 10017

Dear Ms. Hallam:

I write to express my concern regarding recent reports of Nara Organics' recall of its powdered infant formula due to the potential risk of contamination with *Clostridium botulinum*, the bacterium that causes infant botulism.¹ Infant formula is essential for parents feeding their newborns, regardless of whether the formula is used exclusively or as a supplement. Every parent wants to ensure that their infants are being fed in a way that is both safe and healthy. As a United States Senator, ensuring oversight of the infant formula supply chain is essential to protecting Georgia families.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) 2025 Early Childhood Nutrition Report, 27% of Georgia's breastfed infants born in 2022 were fed formula within the first two days of life.² In 2021, through 6 months of age, approximately 71% of all infants in Georgia had been fed formula (or other supplementation) as at least a portion of their diet.³ Children are simply precious. They're everything to us. Their safety and well-being, including the safety of formula consumed by infants, are our highest concerns. For the safety of Georgia's infants, I ask that you please provide an answer to the following questions, in writing, within two weeks:

1. With Nara Organics' powdered infant formula having launched only in July 2025, what procedures are currently in place to test your infant formulas to ensure there is no contamination with *Clostridium botulinum* or other pathogens that may pose risks to infants?

¹ U.S. Food & Drug Administration, (2026, June) Nara Organics Recalls All Lots of Nara Infant Formula Because of Possible Health Risk, <https://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls-market-withdrawals-safety-alerts/nara-organics-recalls-all-lots-nara-infant-formula-because-possible-health-risk>

² Center for Disease Control and Prevention, (2025) CDC's Early Childhood Nutrition Report 2025, <https://www.cdc.gov/nutrition/media/pdfs/2025/CDC-Early-Childhood-Nutrition-Report-State-2025-508.pdf>

³ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity: Data, Trends and Maps, n.d. <https://dnepao-dtm-cr.services.cdc.gov/?locationIds=59,13>.

2. Are you contemplating additional steps to strengthen your current processes and supply-chain controls to prevent future contamination hazards? If so, please share any updates or timelines for implementing these improvements.
3. What concrete steps is Nara Organics taking to comply fully with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and CDC investigation?
4. Given the recall of all Nara Organics infant formula, what actions has the company taken to ensure that all Georgia retailers and pharmacies have removed affected products from shelves and online inventories?

Thank you for your prompt attention to these questions. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jon Ossoff", with a stylized, flowing script.

Jon Ossoff
United States Senator