Johnson & Johnson Statement on House Committee on Oversight and Reform Hearing Examining the Public Health Risks of Carcinogens in Consumer Products

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New Brunswick, NJ – Nothing is more important to us than the safety of consumers and maintaining their trust in our products. We have long supported legislation to modernize the US FDA's regulatory authority over cosmetics and personal care products, and believe this reform is essential to enabling the agency to increase their ability to protect the public. We are committed to continuing to work with Congress and the FDA to advance meaningful change.

As it pertains to today's hearing, the testimony was biased with a majority of witnesses being connected to litigation against our company. As a result, decades of studies concluding that Johnson's Baby Powder is free of asbestos and safe to use were not discussed, and the subcommittee did not hear the preponderance of evidence that supports the safety of our product.

For decades, global independent laboratories and health authorities have tested Johnson's Baby Powder and have never found asbestos. In 2010, the US FDA surveyed a range of cosmetic products, including Johnson's Baby Powder and the source talc used in the product, and confirmed that it did not contain asbestos. In a March 5, 2019 statement, the FDA reaffirmed these findings stating the results "found no traces of asbestos contamination using the most sensitive techniques available."

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