

**Opening Statement of Chairman Ron Johnson**  
**Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations**  
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*As submitted to the record:*

Today's hearing is titled, *Plausible Mechanisms of Covid-19 Injections Causing Cancer and Attacks on Scientific Publications and Research*. Although it may seem these are two unrelated topics, discussing them together will help explain why such a large percentage of the public remains unaware of the serious adverse events caused by the Covid mRNA injections.

In April, the Subcommittee held a hearing and released a report exposing how top FDA officials decided to use a safety surveillance algorithm they knew would - and in fact, did - hide safety signals on extremely serious adverse events, including sudden death.<sup>1</sup> This was a bombshell revelation that unfortunately was dismissed by the Subcommittee's Ranking Member and completely ignored by the legacy media.<sup>2</sup>

Since 1997, when the Clinton administration made America only the 2nd nation on earth to allow mass media advertising of pharmaceutical products, Big Pharma has spent billions on TV ads to capture the media and, as a result, the narrative.<sup>3</sup> Prior to 1997, there was serious journalism covering suspected vaccine injuries. In 1979, Mike Wallace reported on CBS's Sixty Minutes about swine flu vaccine injuries.<sup>4</sup> In 1982, WRC-TV's Lea Thompson reported on the findings of their more than year long investigation into the safety and effectiveness of the pertussis component of the DPT vaccine.<sup>5</sup> In 1985, Phil Donahue discussed both the swine flu and DPT vaccines and related injuries during his hour long show.<sup>6</sup> Since 1997, there have been a few reports on hepatitis B, MMR, and HPV vaccine safety, but the "safe and effective" mantra combined with the narrative that adverse events are "rare and mild" has overwhelmed any coverage of harm.

Legacy media is not the only American institution that has been captured and controlled. Big Pharma also hires and financially rewards former federal health agency officials and spends

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<sup>1</sup> Unmasked: How Biden Health Officials Purposely Turned a Blind Eye Toward COVID-19 Vaccine Safety Signals, Hearing Before the Permanent Subcomm. on Investigations, 119 Cong. (April 29, 2026).

<sup>2</sup> *See Id.* (statement by Ranking Member Richard Blumenthal).

<sup>3</sup> Shmerling, Robert, Harvard Health Ad Watch: How direct-to-consumer ads hook us, (April 3, 2025), <https://www.health.harvard.edu/blog/harvard-health-ad-watch-how-direct-to-consumer-ads-hook-us-201909201968>.

<sup>4</sup> University of Michigan Library, Mike Wallace CBS 60 Minutes papers, 1922-2007, "Swine Flu" (problems resulting from the swine flu immunization program), November 4, 1979, [https://findingaids.lib.umich.edu/catalog/umich-bhl-03171\\_aspace\\_6278ddb3737a284e27409edd5fcf3483#using-these-materials](https://findingaids.lib.umich.edu/catalog/umich-bhl-03171_aspace_6278ddb3737a284e27409edd5fcf3483#using-these-materials).

<sup>5</sup> Hilts, Donna, Washington Post, TV Report On Vaccine Stirs Bitter Controversy, (April 27, 1982), <https://www.washingtonpost.com/archive/local/1982/04/28/tv-report-on-vaccine-stirs-bitter-controversy/80d1fc8a-1012-4732-a517-7976c86ab52d/>.

<sup>6</sup> Mercola, Joseph, Science, Public Health Policy and the Law, What Happened to Hundreds of Years' Worth of Vaccine Injury Reports?, <https://publichealthpolicyjournal.com/what-happened-to-hundreds-of-years-worth-of-vaccine-injury-reports/>.

lavishly on lobbying and political donations to lawmakers of both parties.<sup>7</sup> It generously funds other members of the Covid Cartel, social media, medical associations, like the American Medical Association and American Association of Pediatricians, international health organizations, medical colleges and medical journals.<sup>8</sup> The testimony at today's hearing raises the question of whether Big Pharma might also be funding individuals who troll scientific research that runs counter to its goals and narratives.

It should come as no surprise, therefore, that during the pandemic treatment alternatives using cheap and safe generic drugs were not only suppressed, but actively sabotaged in favor of a liability free, and highly profitable, experimental gene therapy. The fact that all the institutions that benefit from Big Pharma's largesse actively pushed the experimental gene therapy, is also the reason they are now working so hard to suppress the reality of Covid mRNA injection injuries.

Testimony given in April's hearing detailed the safety studies that were not done on the Covid mRNA injections prior to their Emergency Use Authorization and eventual full approval.<sup>9</sup> This list of omitted studies should shock everyone: drug-drug interactions, cardiovascular toxicity, central nervous system toxicity, other organ toxicity, blood toxicity, genotoxicity, carcinogenicity.<sup>10</sup>

Although the legacy media, federal health officials, and the medical establishment continue to ignore and hide the lies told and the harms done by governments in response to the coronavirus, alternate media has been spreading the truth to a growing percentage of the global public. As a result, trust in these institutions is eroding. The only way to rebuild lost trust is for the truth to be acknowledged in a process of public reckoning. The hearings I have been holding are intended to contribute to that reckoning.

Today, we will hear from highly credentialed and experienced doctors and medical researchers who will discuss the plausible mechanisms of Covid mRNA injection harms. They will also describe the attacks they are experiencing on their research and reputations because they have the courage to expose the truth.

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<sup>7</sup> Incorvaia, Darren, Sagonowsky, Eric, Fierce Biotech, After high-profile FDA exit, Peter Marks lands at Eli Lilly (October 27, 2025), <https://www.fiercebiotech.com/biotech/former-fda-vaccine-regulator-peter-marks-joins-eli-lilly>; Statista, Leading lobbying industries in the United States in 2024, by total lobbying spending, (February 2025), [https://www.statista.com/statistics/257364/top-lobbying-industries-in-the-us/?srsltid=AfmBOorijK\\_EWSrJSxKIq4KDb\\_DhIaxVfNddrG3\\_ay0nd\\_50Ju6U2HU](https://www.statista.com/statistics/257364/top-lobbying-industries-in-the-us/?srsltid=AfmBOorijK_EWSrJSxKIq4KDb_DhIaxVfNddrG3_ay0nd_50Ju6U2HU).

<sup>8</sup> American Medical Association Foundation Leadership Circle, (as of Dec. 31, 2025), <https://amafoundation.org/donors>; Tanglis, Mike, Public Citizen, Mapping the PhRMA Grant Universe, (December 14, 2023), <https://www.citizen.org/article/mapping-the-phrma-grant-universe/>; Silverman, Ed, Stat News, Medical journal peer reviewers are paid millions by industry, study finds, (October 10, 2024), <https://www.statnews.com/pharmalot/2024/10/10/conflicts-medical-journals-money-drugs-devices/>; American Academy of Pediatrics, Current Corporate and Organizational Supporters, <https://www.aap.org/en/ways-to-give/current-corporate-and-organizational-supporters/?srsltid=AfmBOopGGdhSuuqmTbyBRvel8IXzMq0fC6ZkozKC--xh567MUaQdmlRy>.

<sup>9</sup> Unmasked: How Biden Health Officials Purposely Turned a Blind Eye Toward COVID-19 Vaccine Safety Signals, Hearing Before the Permanent Subcomm. on Investigations, Statement of Karl Jablonowski, 119 Cong. (April 29, 2026).

<sup>10</sup> *Id.*

I want to sincerely thank the witnesses for their courage and the time and effort they have put into their testimony and advocacy.