

Abigail Spanberger downplayed the baby formula shortage and said “there were no ringing alarms along the way” and she even partially blamed parents for causing the shortages.

BACKUP:

In May 2022, Spanberger said “there were no ringing alarms along the way” about a baby formula shortage and partially blamed parents for helping cause the issue:

Editor’s Note: *Jen Psaki [was asked](#) at her press conference if the Biden Administration should have seen this coming as the whistleblower at the plant warned about safety concerns in October.*

- **SPANBERGER:** “So we know that there are a couple issues at play. One, there’s been supply chain issues because of the pandemic ebbing and flowing. Certainly in the early days of the pandemic as so many people were stock piling toilet paper, parents were stock piling formula...But then in recent months there was a shutdown of an Abbott plant...Abbott represents 43% of the baby formula in the United States, that consolidation quickly becomes a major issue...We are where we are right now. And there were no ringing alarms along the way.” (Morning Joe, [MSNBC](#), 05/13/22) ([NRCC YouTube](#))

On June 29th, 2022, Spanberger downplayed the baby formula shortage in VA and said “we did not see some of the shortages, just based on supply chains, that other states saw”:

- **SPANBERGER:** “I have been hyper engaged on this issue since we started to see shortages across the United States. So just to give you some updates on what is occurring. So first and foremost, in the early days when the shortages started happening, and thankfully while Virginia has been very impacted and certainly Debra your experience is one, we did not see some of the shortages, just based on supply chains, that other states saw. That didn’t make it any easier...” (Telephone Town Hall, 06/29/22) ([NRCC YouTube](#))