

SAMPLE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

125 words

I am a DES Daughter, meaning my mom was prescribed the anti-miscarriage drug diethylstilbestrol when pregnant with me. I know first-hand what it feels like to have been poisoned before birth. Your story, Boston Lawsuit Claims DES-Breast Cancer Link gave me hope that a big win against drug makers will send a clear message that drug safety is important. Lives are at stake. Federal regulators and drug companies failed us by allowing millions to be exposed to DES when it was clear early on in tests that it caused harm. Worse yet, they knew it did not work! Perhaps a major damage award will send the message that drug company profits, and lax FDA regulation, should never again be an excuse for another drug tragedy.

130 words

Your story, Boston Lawsuit Claims DES-Breast Cancer Link confirmed for me that as a DES Daughter I will always feel like a medical ticking time bomb. My mom was prescribed the anti-miscarriage drug, diethylstilbestrol when she was carrying me and it caused many health problems with the fear of more in the future. I was never able to get pregnant because of my DES exposure and now comes the fear of breast cancer. Drug companies knew DES did not work, and might be dangerous, but they continued making and selling it. Shame on them, and the FDA for not stopping it before millions were hurt. I hope the DES Daughters in this case bring the drug makers to their knees as a reminder that safety should trump profits every time.

115 words (with a slight tweak this version works for DES Moms, too)

Sixty one years ago I was thrilled that a doctor offered my wife a “wonder drug” to prevent miscarriage. But over the years we watched in horror as our daughter suffered health problems we learned were related to her exposure before birth to that drug, diethylstilbestrol. It was made worse when we heard that drug companies knew DES did not work but heavily promoted its use anyway, for a huge profit! Millions were exposed and suffer as a result. Is it asking too much that drug companies be held accountable for their greed? I hope the women in your story, Boston Lawsuit Claims DES-Breast Cancer Link prevail and get the large damage awards they deserve.