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Biographical Sketch

David Wayne Plunkett is a Senior Staff Attorney with the food safety program of the Center for Science in the Public Interest. In this position, he serves as an advocate on behalf of consumers for stronger laws to protect the public from outbreaks of foodborne disease.

Mr. Plunkett has more than 20 years experience working with legislatures at the State and Federal level. Since joining CSPI in August 2007, he has participated in efforts to strengthen food safety provisions in the Senate's Farm Bill and improve imported food safety legislation currently pending in the House of Representatives. He is a coauthor of "Building a Modern Food Safety System: For FDA Regulated Foods," a CSPI White Paper that analyzes the effectiveness of food safety legislation currently pending in Congress, and has contributed to *Food Traceability Report*, a food industry publication.

Prior to joining CSPI, Mr. Plunkett was Legislative Director and Counsel to U.S. Representative Bart Gordon of Tennessee. Mr. Plunkett graduated from the University of Georgia and George Mason School of Law. He holds a master's degree (Juris Master) in public policy with an emphasis on law and economics, and a Juris Doctor with a specialty in regulatory law. He is a member of the Virginia State Bar.