



Consumer Federation of America



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Christopher A. Waldrop is the Director of the Food Policy Institute at the Consumer Federation of America, an association of nearly 300 nonprofit consumer organizations that seeks to advance the consumer interest through research, advocacy and education. Mr. Waldrop oversees the research, analysis, advocacy and media outreach for all food policy activities at the Institute. He regularly monitors food safety activities at USDA, FDA and in Congress where he advocates for strong food safety protections for consumers. He also coordinates the Safe Food Coalition, a group of consumer, trade union, and foodborne illness victim

organizations dedicated to reducing foodborne illness by improving government food inspection programs.

Mr. Waldrop is a member of the Transatlantic Consumer Dialogue, a forum of US and EU consumer organizations which develops and agrees on joint consumer policy recommendations to promote the consumer interest in EU and US policy making. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Partnership for Food Safety Education, a non-profit organization dedicated to informing consumers about safe food handling practices. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Alliance for a Stronger FDA, a unique coalition of patient groups, consumer advocates, biomedical research advocates, health professionals and industry that works to increase appropriations for the Food and Drug Administration. Mr. Waldrop serves on the Food and Drug Administration's Food Advisory Committee, which advises the Commissioner on emerging food safety, food science, nutrition and other policy-related health issues. In 2009 and 2011, Mr. Waldrop served on National Academy of Sciences panels charged with reviewing USDA food inspection programs.

Mr. Waldrop has an advertising degree from Texas Tech University and a Master of Public Health degree from Johns Hopkins University. Previously, he served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Ghana, West Africa as a community health educator.