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## **CAROL LEE TUCKER-FOREMAN**

Carol Lee Tucker-Foreman, distinguished fellow at Consumer Federation of America's Food Policy Institute, has an international reputation as a consumer advocate and food policy expert. For 40 years, she has worked at the highest levels of government and advocacy organizations to ensure that Americans have safe, nutritious and affordable food. Ms. Tucker-Foreman was CFA's executive director from 1973-77. She returned in 1999 to launch the Food Policy Institute, serving as its director until 2007. Most recently, she was a leader of the coalition that worked with Congress to rewrite the 70-year-old food safety provisions of the Federal Food Drug and Cosmetic Act.

Ms. Tucker-Foreman is the founder of the Safe Food Coalition (SFC), a group of consumer and public health advocates and trade union leaders that work to prevent foodborne illness. She led the group's campaign to get USDA to adopt science-based process controls in meat and poultry inspection and to adopt a zero tolerance for pathogen contamination in ground beef purchased for the nation's school lunch program.

Ms. Tucker-Foreman served as assistant secretary of agriculture for food and consumer services during the Carter Administration and won thorny political battles, including broadening food stamp coverage for the poor, expanding the fledgling Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Feeding Program (WIC), and leading development of the landmark "Dietary Guidelines for Americans." She pushed through the first regulations to ban "foods of minimal nutritional value" from school feeding programs.

After leaving government, Ms. Tucker-Foreman started the public affairs consulting firm, Foreman Heidepriem & Mager, and served as its president until 1999.

She has frequently testified before Congress, been quoted by major national media and has published articles in *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, *The American Interest* and other national publications. She organized publication of a major study of and recommendations for improving the regulation of genetically engineered foods, authored a study on preventing *Listeria monocytogenes* contamination of meat and poultry products, and edited a book on government regulation, *Regulating for the Future*.

Ms. Tucker-Foreman was appointed by the President of the United States to be a director of the U.S. Commodity Credit Corporation, the National Consumer Cooperative Bank and the President's Commission on White House Fellowships. She also served on the U.S./EU Consultative Forum on Agricultural Biotechnology, the National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection, the USDA's Advisory Committee on Agricultural Biotechnology, the U.S. Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee for Trade, and the Food and Drug Administration's Food Advisory Committee. She has been a director of Washington University in St. Louis, Bread for the World, the Partnership for Food Safety Education, Consumers Union, the Center for National Policy, and the Adams National Bank. She served as the chair of the

board of the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC). She has been awarded the “Commissioner’s Special Citation” by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and been honored by the Consumer Federation of America, the National Consumers League and the Center for Science in the Public Interest.

Ms. Tucker-Foreman is an active advocate for women’s health and women’s rights. During the transition leading to President Clinton’s first Administration, she was assistant director of presidential personnel responsible for recruiting women to serve. She was executive director of the Center for Women Policy Studies and a legislative representative for Planned Parenthood Federation of America during the effort leading to passage of the Title X, National Family Planning Program.

Carol Lee Tucker-Foreman is a native of Little Rock, Arkansas. She graduated from Washington University in St. Louis and received distinguished alumni awards from the university. She attended the Graduate School of Government and Public Administration of The American University, Washington, D.C.