

**Opening Statement**  
**“Safety of the U.S. Food Supply: Continuing Concerns Over the Food and Drug Administration’s Food-Recall Process”**  
**Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations**  
**Congressman Michael C. Burgess, M.D.**  
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Today we continue our examination of food safety – a matter which has been of interest to the American public ever since the publishing of Upton Sinclair’s *The Jungle* in 1906. The Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA) ability to ensure the safety of our food supply is an issue that affects every grocery store, restaurant, school and home in America.

The passage of the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act in December 2010 was a step in the right direction giving FDA greater authority to regulate, inspect, and recall food when necessary. However, the recent report from the Office of Inspector General at the Department of Health and Human Services concluded that there is still work left to do.

Mr. Chairman, thank you for holding this hearing. Also, thank you to our witnesses for being here today. I look forward to your testimony.

I yield back.