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JOAN B. CLAYBROOK was President of Public Citizen from 1982 until 2009. Public Citizen is a nonprofit public interest advocacy organization in Washington, DC that seeks to improve the health and safety of the public, as well as clean and safe energy sources, public availability of information, campaign finance, lobbying and ethics reform, accountability and fairness in the marketplace, access to the courts, civil rights and liberties, and citizen participation in government decision-making.

Ms. Claybrook has testified frequently before Congressional committees, and speaks to the media, private groups and educational institutions on behalf of public interest policies. Major issues Ms. Claybrook works on include ethics, lobbying and campaign finance reform, auto, truck and highway safety, access to the courts and business regulation. She is currently pressing for improvements in truck and passenger vehicle safety.

Previous positions Ms. Claybrook has held include: Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1977-81, appointed by President Jimmy Carter; co-founder and director, Public Citizen's Congress Watch, a congressional lobbying group, 1973-77; Public Interest Research Group, 1970-72; The Congress Project, 1972; special assistant to the administrator, National Traffic Safety Bureau, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1966-70; congressional fellow, American Political Science Association, 1965-66 where she worked for Senator Walter Mondale and Representative James A. Mackay; research analyst, Social Security Administration, Department of Health Education and Welfare, 1959-66.

Ms. Claybrook is a member of the Board of Public Citizen; Georgetown University Law Center; Citizens for Tax Justice; Public Justice; Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, Co-Chair; and Citizens for Reliable and Safe Highways.

Ms. Claybrook holds a B.A. in History from Goucher College in Baltimore, MD and a J.D. in 1973 from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, DC. She has authored numerous books and articles about consumer and safety issues. She has written articles published in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Baltimore Sun* and others, and appeared on all major television networks and hundreds of individual and syndicated television and radio programs.

Ms. Claybrook is the recipient of a number of distinguished service awards, including honorary doctor of public service from the University of Maryland, 1981; the Philip Hart Distinguished Consumer Service Award from the Consumer Federation of America, 1986; the Excellence in Public Service Award from Georgetown University Law Center in 1990; honorary doctor of law, Georgetown University Law Center, 1993; Robert F. Drinan, S.J. Alumni Public Service Award, Georgetown University Law Center, 1997; AAGC Award for Excellence in Public Service,

Goucher College, 1998; Paul R. Dean Law Alumni Award, Georgetown University Law Center, 1998.