Committee on Energy and Commerce

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Erik D. Olson is director of the Health Program, and Senior Strategic Director for Food and Health at the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC). He has more than 30 years of experience in consumer, public health, and environmental policy. He oversees NRDC's work on an array of issues including drinking water protection, pesticides, toxic chemicals in food and consumer products, antibiotics overuse in animal production, food waste, agricultural contributions to pollution and climate change, better and less meat, global mercury pollution, textile-related pollution in Asia, and other food, agriculture and toxics issues.

Prior to joining NRDC, Olson was Senior Director of Food Programs and Deputy Director of the Pew Health Group at The Pew Charitable Trusts, where he managed campaigns to reduce antibiotics use in animal agriculture, improve food safety, modernize school nutrition standards, and strengthen the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) food additives programs. At Pew he helped lead the successful effort to enact the first overhaul of the FDA's food safety program in over 70 years.

Previously, he was Deputy Staff Director and General Counsel of the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. During his Senate tenure, he played a key role in major legislation and hearings on global warming, children's environmental health, toxic chemicals, clean air, drinking water, clean water, green buildings, and environmental justice, among other issues. In his previous 15-year stint at NRDC, he helped enact the Food Quality Protection Act and the 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments. He has litigated major federal environmental cases ranging from the Exxon Valdez case to drinking water, Superfund, and other groundbreaking federal litigation. Previously, he was an attorney at the National Wildlife Federation where he was a litigator and advocate on pesticides, toxics, water, waste and oil spills, and at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, where he was an attorney on water and waste issues.

Olson is a member of the <u>National Academy of Medicine</u>'s Food Forum and of the James Beard Foundation's impact programs advisory committee, and is on the Boards for <u>Food Policy Action</u> and the <u>Supporters of Agriculture Research</u> (SoAR) Foundation. He received his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif legal honor society and served as an editor of the environmental law journal. He earned his A.B. from Columbia University in environmental biology and policy.