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David G. Hawkins began his work in “public interest” law upon graduation from Columbia University Law School in 1970. He joined the Natural Resources Defense Council’s (NRDC) Washington, DC office in 1971 as one of the organization’s first staff members.

In 1977, Mr. Hawkins was appointed by President Carter to be Assistant Administrator for Air, Noise, and Radiation at the Environmental Protection Agency. During his time at EPA, he was responsible for initiating major new programs under the 1977 Amendments to the Clean Air Act. With President Reagan’s election in 1981, Mr. Hawkins returned to NRDC to co-direct NRDC’s Clean Air Program.

In 1990, Mr. Hawkins became Director of NRDC’s Air and Energy Program, and in 2000 he became the Director of NRDC’s Climate Center. NRDC’s climate work focuses on advancing policies and programs to reduce the pollution responsible for global warming. Mr. Hawkins has worked with Congress, the Executive Branch, and various members of the business community to design policies that will slow, stop and reduce the emissions of global warming pollution. Mr. Hawkins is recognized as an expert on advanced coal technologies and carbon dioxide capture and storage. He assumed his current position as Director, NRDC Climate Programs in 2011.

Mr. Hawkins currently serves on the boards of the Woods Hole Research Center, Resources for the Future and the Center for Clean Air Policy. He has previously served on the Board on Environmental and Energy Systems of the National Academy of Sciences and the U.S. Department of Energy’s Climate Change Science Program Product Development Advisory Committee. Mr. Hawkins participated in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change’s Special Report on Carbon Dioxide Capture and Storage and in the IPCC’s Fourth Assessment Report on climate change.

Mr. Hawkins is married with three children and lives in Connecticut.