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Immigration Reform Advocate to Discuss Keys to Success in Congress at Center for Food Integrity 2008 Food Industry Summit

Nationally-known immigration advocate Tamar Jacoby will examine why past efforts have failed and what is needed to ensure a stable, legal workforce in the future

Kansas City, Mo (July 15, 2008) -- Without a strong constituency of ordinary Americans who vote, this country will never see better immigration law according to a veteran of the immigration reform wars in Washington, D.C. The issue will be discussed in-depth by panelists at the upcoming Center for Food Integrity 2008 Food Systems Summit in Indianapolis.

“Congress needs to hear from employers who understand how much immigrant workers contribute, understand how good they are not only for their business but for the economy and understand how the law needs to be changed so these workers can come and work here legally,” said Tamar Jacoby, president and CEO of ImmigrationWorks USA, a national federation working to advance immigration reform.

Jacoby’s articles have appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, and *National Review*, among other publications. She is a regular guest on national television and radio.

During a breakout session on Immigration at the Center for Food Integrity Food System Summit scheduled for Oct. 8-9, Jacoby will be joined by Craig Regelbrugge, vice president for government relations and research of the American Nursery Landscape Association and co-chair of the Agriculture Coalition for Immigration Reform and Bob Heltman of Leading Edge Products and Services. Heltman chaired a local blue ribbon commission examining immigration issues in North Carolina.

The 2008 Summit will also offer breakout sessions on *Energy/Sustainability*, *Food Safety*, and *Food Animal Well-Being*. Results from CFI’s second annual nationwide consumer survey and feedback from live consumer panels will also be featured.

Additional information on the Center for Food Integrity Food System Summit as well as downloadable audio from Tamar Jacoby are available at www.foodintegrity.org.

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