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Donna V. Porter is a Specialist in Nutrition and Food Policy at the Congressional Research Service (CRS) in the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. where she has worked since 1980. In this job she is responsible for answering questions and conducting research work for Members of Congress and Staff on a variety of food and nutrition research issues. Dr. Porter served as project director for the 1990 study by the Institute of Medicine's Committee on the Nutrition Components of Food Labeling which issued the Report *Nutrition Labeling: Issues and Directions of the 1990s*, for which she received the FDA Commissioner's Citation Award in 1991. Donna was also project director for the IOM's Committee on State Food Labeling that issued the report *Food Labeling: Toward National Uniformity* in 1992, which was mandated by the Nutrition Labeling and Education Act of 1990. Since then she has been involved in the efforts to implement food claims regulations through the Keystone Dialogue on Food, Nutrition and Health and the reform of dietary supplement regulation. She has spent considerable time examining the regulation of dietary supplements in industrialized countries.

Prior to joining the Library, Donna was a Fellow at the National Nutrition Consortium in Washington and a Congressional Science Fellow assigned to the Science Policy Research Division of CRS. She holds a B.S. in Food and Nutrition from the State University of New York at Plattsburgh, completed a dietetic internship at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston and holds a Ph.D. in human nutrition, with a minor in political science from the Ohio State University. Donna worked as a therapeutic dietitian at the Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse, New York and the Ohio State University Hospital in Columbus, Ohio before attending graduate school. She is the recipient of a number of awards and other recognition for her unique work and contribution in the field of nutrition policy, including publication of numerous articles on the subject. In her spare time, Donna enjoys travel, gardening and the theatre. She is also a textiles artist, with a particular passion for quilting.