

ENDORSEMENTS

For my work at FDA

“Alan has been a valuable food safety resource to me and the Sodexo organization. He has been responsive in providing guidance and interpretation on key issues while being receptive to industry's viewpoint. Alan is a consummate professional and a pleasure to work with on collaborative projects. His visionary style and creative approach to food safety matters is well appreciated.” --*John Zimmerman, Senior Director, QA & Food Safety, SODEXO*

“In our work together in the retail food safety sphere, I have found Alan highly detail- and results-oriented, principled but collaborative, and a strong and visionary leader. He is a pleasure to work with!” --*Geoff Luebke, Vice President, Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association*

“Alan is an outstanding trainer and public speaker! He is a food safety expert that can relate to industry, academia, as well as local, state, and federal regulatory agencies. I would recommend Alan to anyone that wants to provide food safety education in a motivating and high energy fashion.” --*Tara Paster, Owner, Paster Training, Inc.*

“I have known Alan for many years and worked with him through many projects and professional organizations. I have always respected his work as he is highly energetic and has a 'knack' for bringing unity to a group for the sake of "food safety." His approach to problem solving and building consensus is some of his greatest attributes and needed in today's ever changing marketplace.” --*Terry Levee, Director of Quality Assurance, Giant-Landover*

“Alan is a knowledgeable, detailed oriented food safety expert with the FDA. He has played a significant role in the improvement of public health in the Southeast via his training and teaching skills to public health officials.” --*Hal King, SR Manager, Food and Product Safety, Chick-fil-A*

“Alan Tart is a friend and a colleague who I have a great respect and admiration. Through the years, I have worked with Alan in different projects in the FDA. One thing stand out when you meet Alan and get to know him: He is very hard worker, with amazing attention to details, and a very social and charismatic personality - when you talk to him, you feel that you have known him for longtime. Alan pursues excellence in his work, especially presentations, as if it is the norm. For example, when we were at the National Science Teacher Association NSTA conference, one out of many conferences we attended together, I was amazed by his ability to introduce complex information to general audience. His message to the audience was far from scientific dryness and full of live examples. Alan also is an active member in producing many educational and training materials to restaurant industry at the FDA to train their employee on the best practices in food Safety. One of his projects was producing educational training materials in many languages to reach to a diverse group of workers. The amount of work and attention to details which Alan exhibited during that time were a great indication of his strength and ability to master the impossible. In short, Alan can do the job which many people will shy away from. It is really rewarding to see his progress at his current work, and I am looking forward to working with him again.” --*Suf Alkhalidi, Ph.D., Acting Branch Chief: Microbiologist and Food Outbreak Investigator - US FDA, US- Food and Drug Administration*

“I've had the pleasure to work with Alan in my work with Arby's Restaurant Group, the National Restaurant Association, the Florida Restaurant Association, the Conference for Food Protection, and in my current position with ASI Food Safety Consultants. Alan has been helpful to me in working through important issues for the industry. I always feel that Alan listens and understands the regulatory requirements of the various segments of the industry that I am involved with. He helps work for problem resolution and also brings his cadre of colleagues to the forum. Alan Tart is a friend and a valuable colleague in the Food Safety Arena. FDA should be proud to count Alan among their valuable assets.” --*Ernie McCullough, Ph.D., Vice President Technical Services and Executive Director, ASI Food Safety Consultants.*

“My interactions with Alan have largely been via professional associations such as the Conference for Food Protection and the International Association for Food Protection. I have heard Alan speak several times, particularly on the topic of training practices. I have found him to be an accomplished speaker with valuable insights. I consider Alan one of my "go to" sources on issues of training practices, particularly if the training is intended to reach a broad audience.” --*Dale Grinstead, Ph.D., Food Safety Technology Fellow, JohnsonDiversey*

“Alan is an exceptional ambassador for Food Safety. We have worked on projects together that are educational and make a difference. Alan is a great person to work with and is a true asset that can always be called upon.” – *Victoria Griffith, CP-FS, Director of Quality Assurance, Clyde's Restaurant Group*

“It is a pleasure to write a letter of recommendation for Alan Tart. I have known Alan since 2002. Alan is very intelligent and well versed in all aspects of Food Safety. Alan continues to do a superior job of interpreting and explaining the US FDA Food Code. His extraordinary ability to analyze problems and outline necessary courses of action is invaluable. His talent in motivating and inspiring others to take action is exceptional. I give her my highest recommendation, without reservation.” --*Tammi M. Stigger, Food Safety Sanitation Manager, Bellagio Resort*

“I've had the pleasure to work with Alan in my work with the National Restaurant Association. Alan has been helpful to us in working through important issues for the industry. I always feel that Alan listens and understands the regulatory requirements. He helps work for problem resolution. Alan also brings his network of colleagues to the table to provide solutions for complicated issues.” – *Catherine Adams Hutt, Owner, RdR Solutions Consulting*

“I highly recommend Mr. Alan Tart. I have had the pleasure working with Alan for the past 12 years. I quickly learned from our first conversation he was extremely knowledgeable in all aspects of the food safety industry. He has been instrumental in providing information and FDA food codes to help my clients, as well as, open the door for new clients in the Latino

community. Thanks to his guidance and direction, I went on to grow my food safety consulting business. I met up with him again years later at an FDA workshop where he shared with me the idea of the Oral Culture Project. Under Alan's incredible leadership, I worked with his team to help motivate workers to change their food safety practices by helping them to understand why proper behaviors and practices are important in preventing foodborne illnesses. His idea to use stories, pictures and vivid examples to most effectively train oral culture learners has been extremely successful and I am thankful to have been part of this project since 2008. His work for the FDA is honorable and I admire his incredible hard work, ethics and vision." –*Etti Gomez, Owner, Buena Vista Business Consulting*

"Alan is a high energy, high impact individual. I've had the pleasure of working with Alan on regulatory and industry projects and he has always been dedicated, consistent, courteous and the consummate professional." –*Tom Ford, Vice President, Ecolab*

"I asked Alan Tart to be a participant in our ServSafe Job Task Analysis process, as I was very impressed with his "oral learning culture" study and presentation. Alan is passionately committed to food safety (current state and desired future state). I recommend Alan and have found him to be very collaborative, energetic, detail-oriented and futuristic. He has worked with us and the foodservice industry proactively to find ways to ensure the most effective training methods are used to teach managers how to keep food safe and to create a culture of food safety in an establishment. Our organization greatly appreciates the thought, time and talent he has contributed to helping us create a body of knowledge that will be the basis for future ServSafe training materials and certification examinations." –*Kate Piche, Ph.D., Vice President, Operations, National Restaurant Association*

"Mr. Tart worked as a Regional Food Specialist for the Cooperative Programs Branch, FDA, Southeast Region at the time I was the Director for the Branch. He demonstrated a keen interest in the Retail Food Program and was of immediate assistance with his experience as a former Microbiologist for FDA/SE Laboratory. He demonstrated an excellent ability to provide training to state and local officials and developed a close

working relationship with key state officials for the states assigned to him. He successfully completed his Retail Food Specialist Standardization and proceeded to provide both field and classroom training to state/county public health officials. Prior to my retirement, Mr. Tart was selected by his fellow FDA Food Specialists to represent them as their National Team Leader in working closely with FDA's Center for Food Safety and Federal/State Relation Branches. He consistently provided technical support and assistance to the food officials from the Southeastern States. Mr. Tart continues to represent FDA and is known and recognized nationally for his training abilities.” –*Chet Morris, Director of Cooperative Programs Branch, Southeast Regional Office, U. S. Food and Drug Administration*

“Alan’s talents as an effective leader and team builder continue to impress me. Since joining a project of his nearly two years ago, I have admired his skills as he effectively uses consensus to guide and motivates our project team in pursuit of his vision. His seemingly endless energy powers a genuine commitment to active communication. Team members are continually kept informed of current of project actions and status. With him at the helm, I can only imagine the highest degree of success for any project group.” –*Alan Bennett, Public Affairs Specialist, US FDA*

“Four words about Alan: Passionate, forward-thinking, knowledgeable, accessible. I have had the opportunity to work with Alan as a conference planner and industry consultant. Alan exhibits a great passion and enthusiasm for food protection, translating scientific concepts into actionable information. His dedication to food protection is further exhibited in his forward-thinking research and application of ‘oral culture training’ principles to motivate behavior change at every education level. As a speaker, Alan is exceptionally knowledgeable and uses engaging, enthusiastic techniques to involve his audience. As a consultant, I am especially impressed with how accessible he is to provide subject-matter expertise and cutting-edge insights.” **Top qualities:** Expert, High Integrity, Creative – *Jamie Stamey, Food Safety, Applied Nutrition & Training Consultant*

“Alan is a well regarded and respected FDA Official who has provided invaluable service and assistance to state and local food safety regulatory officials in their role as public health professionals. He is nationally recognized for this critical function he continues to provide.” –*Joe Corby, Executive Director, Association of Food & Drug Officials*

“I am pleased to recommend Alan as an expert in food safety, as a trainer and as a Food Code expert. In the 10 years I have known Alan, he has proven to me that he is hardworking, dedicated, honest and dependable when we worked on projects together. I have great respect for his personal integrity and it is an honor to work with him. He has been an asset to any endeavor on which he worked.” –*Jeanette B. Lyon, Food Safety Consultant, Retired FDA Consumer Safety Officer*

“I have worked with Alan on numerous retail food safety initiatives, including guidance document development, food safety policy creation, and training course delivery. Alan is terrific to work with, very thorough in all that he does, detail-oriented, and sharp as they come.” –*Jon Woody, Senior Policy Analyst, Food and Drug Administration*

“Alan is a very knowledgeable and dedicated food safety professional. I’ve worked with Alan on several initiatives and his energy and willingness to listen to opposing views is a true asset in gaining consensus. His work in oral culture learning for employee training will truly make a difference. I would not hesitate for a moment to offer Alan my strongest recommendation.” –*Cas Tryba, Director of Food Safety, Big Y Foods*

“I have had the opportunity to work with Alan on several significant projects over the years and have always found him to be very knowledgeable, dedicated, and passionate about his work.” –*Adam Johnson, Sr. Director, Food Safety, Walmart*

“I have worked with Alan on FDA's Oral Communication Program and found his organizational skills and leadership throughout the project to be exemplary. I would recommend Alan as a project leader to any employer.” –*Patrick Brown, Director of Food Safety, The Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company*

“I have known Alan and relied upon him as a food safety resource for years in his capacity as SE Region Retail Specialist and I have also worked with him in various outside food safety projects. He is extremely knowledgeable, professional, creative, and articulate. Alan can operate at an extremely high energy level and always with a smile and positive attitude. Excellent communication and teaching skills.” –*Mary L. Sandford, Mgr., Food Safety & Regulatory Compliance, BURGER KING CORP.*

“Alan and I have worked together on a number of committees, on Conference For Food Protection issues, and other regulatory topics. It has been my experience that Alan is knowledgeable in FDA regulatory matters and takes a balanced approach toward industry when it comes to compliance and related activities.” –*Roger Hancock, Director of Food Safety and Quality Assurance, SuperValu*

“I have worked with Alan on a number of items and committees and find him to be an objective and balanced person who is always respectful of others opinions. Alan is extremely knowledgeable regarding retail food safety. Alan is very professional and is a good public speaker and communicator.” –*Dale Yamnik, QA Manager, Yum! Brands, Inc.*

“Alan is a creative and articulate individual. He is a leader in food safety education. Alan led a team of 50 plus stakeholder on a communication project developing tools targeting multicultural audiences. This project would have not been completed without Alan's leadership.” –*Suzanne Driessen, Extension Educator, Food Safety, University of Minnesota Extension*

“Alan is a gifted communicator who presents potentially complicated information in an easy to understand manner that people from many different perspectives can understand.” –*Katie Swanson, Ph.D., VP Food Safety, Ecolab*

“Alan is an excellent resource when dealing with Food Code questions. He provides great direction when dealing with a particular food safety issue. He is extremely knowledgeable, quick responding and a real asset to the

Food Industry.” –*Eric Martin, Director, Food Safety and Quality Assurance, Margaritaville*

“I have watched Alan over the years and the work he has done in the FDA and he has always been a leader in progressive new thinking and making the FDA a more friendly group to work with. He is always ready with the most current technology and freely shares his information.” –*Oscar P. Snyder, Jr., Ph.D. President, Hospitality Inst Technology Mgmt*

“Alan is a dedicated professional who was instrumental in developing the project addressing oral culture learners and creating food safety training techniques for that segment of the workforce. I have worked first hand with Alan doing training seminars and found him to be an effective and competent presenter. He has served as the team leader for the National Retail Food Team, elected for two terms. In summary, I would say Alan is a well organized and skilled leader as well as a team player. It has been a pleasure to work with him.” –*Howard Rabinovitch, Regional Emergency Response Coordinator, U. S. Food and Drug Administration*

“I have worked with Alan for more than a decade. I am impressed by his vast personal knowledge and experience. In addition, Alan has a keen interest in learning about other areas of expertise that can enhance his work. He builds and maintains relationships with subject matter experts who can help him deliver accurate information about breaking food safety and policy issues. In public venues, I have always found Alan to be calm, professional, and engaging. He communicates very effectively with diverse audiences. Other strengths include attention to detail and a desire to constantly improve his presentations and programs. In all our interactions, even those with tight timelines, Alan has been a pleasure to work with. I look forward to future collaborations.” –*Michelle Smith, Ph.D., Policy Analyst, US FDA CFSAN Office of Food Safety Produce Safety Staff*

“Alan is a true asset to the FDA, foodservice and academic communities. He is committed to food safety and through his work has helped to establish science-based regulations that assist the food industry in selling and serving safe food on a daily basis. He is dedicated and hard working

and understands the needs of the industry.” –*Jennifer Tong, Director, Health and Safety Regulatory Affairs, National Restaurant Association*

“Alan is one of the most knowledgeable people in the regulatory community. His interest in food safety related matters is contagious, he is a great and easy to approach person to work with!” –*Anna Starobin, Ph.D., Senior Scientist, Ecolab*

“Alan is an excellent instructor. He is well prepared and delivers the issues in a manner that the audience can apply in their daily endeavors. He shows passion and dedication to help others by facilitating learning at every training opportunity I have personally observed and heard the same from many others. He is able to share his knowledge and experience, has a calm, empathic attitude, is professional and is always professionally attired. I would recommend Mr. Tart to teach any subject. He has a natural talent to teach and works hard--a great combo.” --*Rita Johnson, RS, CPM, Environmental Consultant, FL Dept. of Agriculture & Consumer Services*

For my work in the City of Milton/Avensong

“Alan is a strong advocate for the rural and unique Milton I moved here for combined with a sense of balance for responsible development. Alan has delivered on every campaign promise he made 4 years ago. We are a better city because of his fair and unbiased management of Milton. Milton needs Alan on City Council as a fair and unbiased watch dog for careful planning and responsible development. Milton has a \$7.8 million fund surplus because of the fiscal responsibility Alan brings to Milton. Milton needs Alan for his willingness to ask the hard planning questions and his ability to preserve the unique quality of life we know as Milton.” – *Paul Moore, City of Milton, GA resident and community leader*

“I have gotten to know Alan well during his last four years on City Council. He clearly has the best interest of Milton and our citizens at heart and is a financial conservative. The next four years will likely see a new wave of development with the economy turning the corner. His experience

and unbiased views will be critical to ensure smart and appropriate growth during this time. I hope that you will join me in supporting Alan for the next term.” –*Curtis Mills, City of Milton, GA resident and community leader*

“Alan is the HOA president for Avensong subdivision in Milton, GA. My company has provided the janitorial services for the Avensong amenity areas for the past 5 years so I have worked very closely with Alan. Alan has a family, full-time job/career, is a member of the Milton City Council and still finds time to donate to his neighborhood. He is an absolute pleasure to work with and is determined to make Avensong and Milton a wonderful place to live. I can contact him day or night and he responds immediately to any concern I may have with the property. He is dedicated and respectful to everyone he serves and strives daily to make his community a better place for the residents that live there.” --*Copeland Boyd, CEO, Corporate Office Cleaning*

“Alan is committed to ensuring that the community is a safe and beautiful neighborhood. He does an outstanding job leading our HOA Board of Directors to make sound decisions regarding our bylaws, covenants and guidelines. I have also served with Alan, as his appointee to the City of Milton Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC).” **Top qualities:** Great Results, Personable, High Integrity --*Lynn Gregory, City of Milton, GA Resident*

“Alan has been a caring, involved, and efficient president. His commitment to our community shows with various events that he has planned and/or supported. I've personally worked side-by-side with Alan. He has been involved in organizing and executing various projects that have made Avensong a safe, fun, clean place for families to live.” **Top qualities:** Great Results, Personable, Creative. --*Tahnika Dentham, City of Milton, GA Resident*

“Since Alan started serving on the HOA for our subdivision, we have seen a vast improvement in the community. He works tirelessly to maintain a lifestyle that all of us in the sub-division can enjoy. Alan has instituted

various events for residents of all ages ranging from pool parties for the kids in the community to social events for adults. The improvements in the community are appreciated by all of the home owners that live here. It has been my pleasure to serve Alan as a chair of one of his committees in the subdivision.” --*Howard Drobos, City of Milton, GA Resident*