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to have a robust food safety system that responds quickly to problems and prevents illness in the first place.

But federal cuts this year will leave more people exposed to potential foodborne illness in the future, food safety experts say. The reduced number of people exposed to foodborne illness statistics from the Food and Drug Administration amid the loss of FDA inspectors, which are used to inspect foreign facilities that produce food for the U.S. “It’s not that they [the cuts] are a drain of the staff who support the inspections of food safety,” said Daniel Jernigan, who has held the position as head of the agency’s National Center for Food Safety and Inspection of Food. “It’s that you end up with a system that’s just not

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