Many regulatory agencies are trying to find ways to improve food safety, decrease regulatory infractions, and decrease the risk of foodborne outbreaks. The results of the study described in our cover article this month, “The Effect of Follow-up Inspections on Critical Violations Identified During Restaurant Inspections,” indicate that restaurants being subjected to the most severe consequences resulting from poor food safety practices (i.e., closure, fines) does not appear to be a deterrent for poor food safety practices in the future. The staff at these restaurants may need more intensive intervention, training, or permanent closure to ensure that food safety standards are met.

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