

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
114th Congress Disclosure Form
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“Recent Changes to Endangered Species Critical Habitat Designation and Implementation”

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

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For Nongovernment Witnesses ONLY:

1. Please attach/include current curriculum vitae or resume.

Attached.

2. Please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) related to the subject matter of the hearing that were received in the current year and previous two calendar years by you or the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the source and amount of each grant or contract.

None

3. Please list any contracts or payments originating with a foreign government related to the subject matter of the hearing that were received in the current year and previous two calendar years by you or the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the amount and country of origin of each contract or payment.

None

DAVID LONGLY BERNHARDT

David Bernhardt has worked on Endangered Species Act matters for over twenty years; including while serving as the Solicitor of the Department of the Interior, as an attorney in private practice, and as a congressional aide. David has counseled the Secretary of the Interior and other Interior policymakers to help make challenging ESA decisions. He was also tasked with implementing and defending those decisions. In private practice, David has litigated against the federal agencies when failing to administer the act to protect species, as well as when administering the law in an arbitrary and capricious way. He also has extensive experience working with the Services to develop conservation plans, habitat conservation plans, and multi- species conservation plans.

Professional Background

David currently serves as the Co-Chair of the Brownstein, Hyatt Farber & Schreck, LLP's Natural Resources Department.

In 2006, David was unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate to serve as the Solicitor of the Department of the Interior. Prior to serving as Solicitor, he held several other positions within the Department of the Interior including: Deputy Solicitor, Deputy Chief of Staff, and Counselor to the Secretary of the Interior.

As Solicitor, David was the Chief Legal Officer and third ranking official for the U.S. Department of the Interior. He provided advice and counsel on a wide range of legal and policy matters to each of the agencies that make up the Department of the Interior while leading a team of nearly 500 attorneys and staff.

In addition to his responsibilities at the Department of the Interior, in 2007 David was appointed by President Bush and served as the Commissioner, United States, International Boundary Commission, United States and Canada. The International Boundary Commission is responsible for maintaining the 5525 mile international boundary between these two nations.

Prior to his service within the Executive Branch, David was an associate at Brownstein from 1998-2001. Before joining Brownstein in 1998, he served as Legislative Director and Rules Committee Associate in the U.S. House of Representatives for Congressman Scott Mcinnis.

David is a graduate of The National Law Center, The George Washington University Law School, and University of Northern Colorado.

David and his wife Gena reside in Arlington, Virginia with their son William and daughter Katherine.