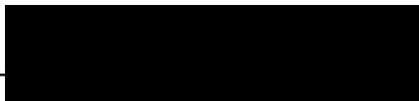


**Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives**

Witness Disclosure Requirement - "Truth in Testimony"
Required by House Rule XI, Clause 2(g)

1. Your Name: Carl T. Shaffer		
2. Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity?	Yes	No X
3. Are you testifying on behalf of an entity that is not a government entity?	Yes X	No
4. Other than yourself, please list which entity or entities you are representing: Pennsylvania Farm Bureau American Farm Bureau Federation		
5. Please list any Federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) that you or the entity you represent have received on or after October 1, 2009: None		
6. If your answer to the question in item 3 in this form is "yes," please describe your position or representational capacity with the entity or entities you are representing: Pennsylvania Farm Bureau - President American Farm Bureau Federation - Board of Directors		
7. If your answer to the question in item 3 is "yes," do any of the entities disclosed in item 4 have parent organizations, subsidiaries, or partnerships that you are not representing in your testimony?	Yes	No X
8. If the answer to the question in item 3 is "yes," please list any Federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) that were received by the entities listed under the question in item 4 on or after October 1, 2009, that exceed 10 percent of the revenue of the entities in the year received, including the source and amount of each grant or contract to be listed: None		
9. Please attach your curriculum vitae to your completed disclosure form.		

Signature: _____



Date: June 15, 2012

Carl T. Shaffer

Carl T. Shaffer was first elected president of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau in November 2004 after serving as the organization's vice president since April, 1996. Re-elected to a fourth term in 2010, he leads an organization of more than 55,000 farm and rural families organized through 54 county Farm Bureaus.

Shaffer operates a 1,800-acre crop farm in Mifflin Township, Columbia County, where he grows 1,000 acres of corn, 100 acres of wheat and 700 acres of soybeans. Among the much recognition for leadership and achievement in agriculture, Shaffer was named as a Master Farmer in 1996, one of the highest honors awarded to farmers in the commonwealth.

Shaffer's grandfather and father were farmers, but Carl originally planned to go to college and pursue an off-farm career. However, an injury to his father changed his plans. As he stepped in to take over the 100-acre farm's grain and vegetable operation, Shaffer discovered he liked the farming business. But the farm was too small to support two incomes, so with his father as co-signer, Shaffer borrowed money to buy a truck to haul fertilizer by night and deliver vegetables in the fall while working on the farm by day. When his dad retired a few years later, Shaffer hired a truck driver and took over the farm, which had expanded to 250 acres. Over the years he has continued to expand crop acreage.

He has served on the Pennsylvania State University Board of Trustees since 1997 and was elected to the Board of Directors of the American Farm Bureau Federation in January 2007. In 2008 he was appointed to the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture Board of Directors and was also elected to the AFBF Executive Committee. He also is a member of the Agricultural Law Resource and Reference Center at Penn State's Dickinson School of Law. In 2004, he was appointed by Governor Ed Rendell and confirmed by the state Senate to serve on the Pennsylvania Farm Show Commission. Earlier he chaired the Agriculture Advisory Committee to the state Department of Environmental Protection.

Shaffer also represents the insurance programs of Pennsylvania Farm Bureau subscribers on the Board Council of Nationwide Insurance. In addition, he is president of the Pennsylvania Friends of Ag Foundation, a charitable organization supported by the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, which works to advance public understanding and support for agriculture and agribusiness.

Past Farm Bureau leadership roles includes two years as a state Board director and service as a county board member, vice president, president and legislative chairman of the Columbia County Farm Bureau.

Past leadership with other organizations includes service as chairman of the Farm Service Agency's Pennsylvania State Committee and as a founding member of the Columbia County Crop Improvement Association. He was also a member of his local County Extension Board of Directors.