

**Committee on Energy and Commerce**  
**U.S. House of Representatives**  
Witness Disclosure Requirement – “Truth in Testimony”  
Required by House Rule XI, Clause 2(g)(5)

<b>1. Your Name:</b> Stephen Waguespack		
<b>2. Your Title:</b> President, US Chamber Institute for Legal Reform		
<b>3. The Entity(ies) You are Representing:</b> US Chamber Institute for Legal Reform		
<b>4. Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity? (If “Yes,” skip Item 5 and Item 6.)</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b> X
<b>5. Please list any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts or payments originating with a foreign government, that you or the entity(ies) you represent have received on or after January 1, 2020. Only grants, contracts, or payments related to the subject matter of the hearing must be listed.</b>		
<b>6. Are you a fiduciary (including, but not limited to, a director, officer, advisor, or resident agent) of any organization or entity that has an interest in the subject matter of the hearing?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b> X
<b>7. Please attach your curriculum vitae to your completed disclosure form.</b>		

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Stephen M. Waguespack**

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**Professional Experience**

**U.S. Chamber of Commerce – Washington, DC**

**President, Institute for Legal Reform; Senior Vice President,  
State & Local Advocacy**

*December 2023 – Present*

- Lead the nation's most influential legal reform organization, overseeing strategic initiatives in state, federal, and international arenas.
- Direct the U.S. Chamber's national network of 50+ state, metro, and local chambers, coordinating policy advocacy across state capitols.
- Develop and execute a modernized model to advance legal reform and foster a pro-business climate nationwide.

**Candidate for Governor – State of Louisiana**

*April 2023 – November 2023*

- Raised over \$7 million in seven months, building and managing a statewide campaign team.
- Earned endorsements from major publications, including *The Advocate* and *Times-Picayune*.
- Finished third in a competitive 16-candidate open primary, outperforming many current and former elected officials.
- Participated in statewide debates and forums, receiving strong public and media reviews.

**Louisiana Association of Business and Industry (LABI) –  
Baton Rouge, LA**

**President and CEO**

*September 2013 – March 2023*

- Led Louisiana's largest business and manufacturing association, representing 2,300+ businesses and 320,000+ employees.
- Spearheaded complete organizational transformation in advocacy, messaging, operations, and fundraising.
- Managed all aspects of LABI's nonprofit and political entities, including five PACs, a C(4), a foundation, and a health benefits center.

- Negotiated the sale and purchase of LABI headquarters, leading design and fundraising for a new facility without incurring debt.
- Acted as a key advisor to state officials, party leaders, and business executives; authored a weekly statewide policy column.

**Jones Walker LLP – Baton Rouge, LA**  
**Special Counsel**

*November 2012 – September 2013*

- Directed the firm's Government Relations Practice Group and multi-state advocacy efforts.
- Advised clients across sectors on business development, legislation, and regulatory strategy.
- Appointed by the Governor to the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE).

**Office of Governor Bobby Jindal – Baton Rouge, LA**  
**Chief of Staff, Executive Counsel, Director of Policy**

*January 2008 – October 2012*

- Served as top policy advisor and operations leader across multiple senior roles in the Governor's office.
- Developed and implemented major legislative initiatives on ethics, education, energy, healthcare, and taxation.
- Negotiated with stakeholders and legislators on key reforms; played lead role in keeping the NBA franchise in New Orleans.
- Directed cabinet coordination and served on several state boards, including the State Bond Commission and Law Institute.

**Bobby Jindal for Governor Campaign – Baton Rouge, LA**  
**Policy Director**

*February 2007 – January 2008*

- Designed and authored a comprehensive policy platform for the successful 2007 gubernatorial campaign.
- Led post-election transition team, managing cabinet appointments and organizational planning.

**The Alpine Group – Washington, DC**  
**Vice President**

*October 2002 – February 2007*

- Advised Fortune 500 clients and trade associations on federal legislation and appropriations strategy.
- Secured congressional funding and advocated for policy priorities in energy, tech, and homeland security sectors.

- Prepared clients for congressional testimony and coordinated multi-client policy coalitions.

**U.S. House of Representatives – Washington, DC**  
**Legislative Director to Congressman Joe Barton (TX)**

*May 1997 – October 2002*

- Directed legislative strategy and staff for Congressman Barton, then Chair of the Energy & Air Quality Subcommittee.
- Negotiated key provisions in energy and telecom legislation; led bipartisan outreach and stakeholder engagement.

**Education**

**The Catholic University of America – Columbus School of Law**

*Washington, DC | Juris Doctor, May 2005*

**Louisiana State University**

*Baton Rouge, LA | B.A. in Mass Communication (Journalism), May 1997*