

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: Eric "Rick" Kessler		
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: Pipeline Safety Trust		
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, 2011: PHMSA Technical Assistance Grant - #DTPH56-12-G-PHPT10		
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: President of the 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, 2011, 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: 7/7/13

Rick Kessler

Rick Kessler volunteers as the President of the Board of the Pipeline Safety Trust, the only national, independent, nonprofit organization solely devoted to promoting pipeline safety. He is probably best known as a Democratic Professional Staff Member for the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, handling issues such as pipeline safety, cogeneration, renewables, efficiency, hydro-power, public lands, oil, gas, coal, and energy-related research, remediation and tax policy. He also served as longtime chief of staff to the Committee's Chair Emeritus and former Chairman John D. Dingell (D-MI).

In 2007, Kessler helped found Dow Lohnes Government Strategies (DLGS), a bipartisan government relations firm, where he continues to serve as President. Immediately prior to joining DLGS, Mr. Kessler was the Director of the State of New Jersey Washington, DC office.

Prior to joining the Committee, Mr. Kessler was Legislative Director to Rep. Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ) which included serving as Legislative Director and lead energy and environment staffer during Mr. Pallone's tenure as Ranking Member of the Energy Subcommittee. Early in his career, Mr. Kessler developed his command of energy and environment issues in legislative positions with Senator Frank R. Lautenberg (D-NJ) and former Representative William J. Hughes (D-NJ). He has also served as Associate Director of Government Affairs for Princeton University.

Mr. Kessler is a graduate of Kenyon College and Rutgers University and also attended the University of Surrey in Guildford, UK. He, his wife and their son live in Silver Spring, Maryland.