

**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>  Christopher Mansour		
<b>2. Your Title:</b>  Vice President of Federal Affairs		
<b>3. The Entity(ies) You are Representing:</b>  Solar Energy Industries Association		
<b>4. Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity?</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, 2015. Only grants, contracts, or payments related to the subject matter of the hearing must be listed.</b>  SEIA receives no federal grants or contracts related to reliability.		
<b>6. Please attach your curriculum vitae to your completed disclosure form.</b>		

Signature: 

Date: 10/2/17

# Christopher Mansour

Vice President of Federal Affairs



Christopher Mansour serves as Vice President of Federal Affairs. Before joining SEIA, Christopher served in the Obama Administration as the Director of Congressional and Legislative Affairs for the Secretary of the Interior, Ken Salazar from February 2009 to April 2013. Christopher provided the Secretary with direct advice on crafting, approving and advancing the Department's legislative agenda through the Administration and the Congress, including the Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2000, the \$3.4 billion Cobell settlement of federal mismanagement of individual Indian trust accounts and four Indian tribal water settlements totaling over a \$1 billion.

Prior to his service in the Interior Department, Christopher served for 24 years with U.S. Representative Dale Kildee [MI] as his chief of staff and his principal legislative and political advisor. Christopher was responsible for advancing the Congressman's diverse agenda of legislation to help Michigan's struggling auto industry, to reform federal education and social welfare laws, and to conserve large tracts of Michigan's natural lands, rivers and waters.

Christopher and his wife Carmel have two grown sons, one an officer in the US Coast Guard and the other working on his Masters in computer science degree. In his spare time, you can find Christopher sailing the Chesapeake Bay with friends and family.

## **CHRISTOPHER JAMES MANSOUR**

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

##### **Director of Congressional and Legislative Affairs [Feb. 2009 to present]**

Manage an office of six lawyers, four political appointed officials and six support staff within the Immediate Office of the Secretary. Provide the Secretary with direct advice on crafting, approving and advancing the Department's legislative agenda through Congress.

Successfully shepherded several major pieces of legislation to enactment including the Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009 [TIME magazine listed it among the top 10 environmental laws in recent US history], and a \$3.4 billion legislative package including the Cobell settlement of federal mismanagement of individual Indian trust accounts, and four Indian tribal water settlements totaling \$1 billion, among other bills. Enactment required close coordination with House and Senate leadership to pass these bills through the Congress.

Gained Senate confirmation for all 14 Department of the Interior presidential appointed nominees by November 2009 [and three more in this past Congress]. Almost every one of our DOI nominees had at least one hold placed on their confirmation by either Republican or Democratic Senators for weeks or months. This required me to negotiate with the Senators' offices to address their concerns and to convince them to lift their holds. Hearing preparation includes one-on-one meetings with Senators, draft testimony, arrange mock hearings, and drafting answers to questions for the record.

Direct and coordinate the activities of the Department's Legislative Counsel and five other attorneys to draft all testimony for the Secretary and Deputy Secretary and supervise the choice of DOI witnesses and drafting of testimony for all Congressional hearings on DOI subjects [dozens of hearings in any given year]. The six lawyers on my staff gather the information from the proper Bureaus, draft or supervise the drafting of the testimony, and clear the testimony through the White House, Office of Management and Budget, and the inter-Department process. This often requires me to personally negotiate with White House officials, OMB senior leadership, and policy makers in other Departments to address their concerns with our DOI testimony. My office is also responsible for drafting legislation for the Department and coordinating the Department's response/comments on legislation drafted by other Departments.

#### **CONGRESSMAN DALE E. KILDEE [Feb. 1985 to 2009]**

##### **Chief of Staff [1990 to 2009]**

Directed and coordinated the activities of a Congressional staff of seventeen legislative, press, constituent service and support staff in four offices. Handled all personnel, payroll, administrative decisions in an over one million dollar annual budget. Liaisoned with House Leadership offices and Congressman's subcommittee. Represented the Congressman with congressional leadership offices, Administration officials, constituent and interest groups, and state and local officials. Served as principal political advisor, supervised political consultants, and liaisoned with national and state Democratic parties.

**Legislative Director/Budget Associate/Legislative Assistant [1985-1990]**

Supervised and trained legislative staff of 4-5 legislative assistants and a press secretary. Drafted testimony, statements, amendments and legislation on budget, trade, and natural resources issues. Coordinated press statements, news conferences and media strategy.

**Major Achievements:** Coordinated nine winning campaigns [1992-2008] in a marginal district. Implemented the Congressman's legislative agenda on a wide range of education, automobile industry, natural resources, and Native American issues; Assisted the Congressman in securing multi-billion dollar funding for his new national childcare initiative [the Act for Better Childcare] and obtained billion-dollar increases for education, Head Start and job training programs.

**EDUCATION**

**Master of Arts Arab Studies**, Georgetown University [1983]  
Washington DC; full academic scholarship, 3.75 GPA  
Three years Arabic language training

**Bachelor of Arts International Relations**, Michigan State University [1980]  
East Lansing, MI Phi Beta Kappa, 3.75 GPA

**Bentley Senior High School** [1976]  
Burton, MI