

**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> Thomas Nickels		
<b>2. Your Title:</b> Executive Vice President, Government Relations and Public Policy		
<b>3. The Entity(ies) You are Representing:</b> American Hospital Association		
<b>4. Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity?</b>	Yes	No 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>  n/a		
<b>6. Please attach your curriculum vitae to your completed disclosure form.</b>		

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 12/8/17 \_\_\_\_\_

Thomas Nickels is Executive Vice President for Government Relations and Public Policy for the American Hospital Association (AHA). As such, he supervises AHA's legislative, political, regulatory, grassroots and legal advocacy efforts. He has been with the AHA since April of 1994. Prior to that, he was Director of the Washington Office of the American College of Emergency Physicians for five years, and prior to that was the Acting Director of the Washington Office of the American Nurses Association. In addition, he served as a legislative assistant to Representative Edward Biester, Republican of Pennsylvania.

A native of Philadelphia, Mr. Nickels received a B.A. in English and Philosophy from Dickinson College in 1975, and a J.D. from New York University School of Law in 1979.