

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)

1. Your Name: Jeffrey A. Burnstein		
2. Your Title: President		
3. The Entity(ies) You are Representing: Robotic Industries Association		
4. Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity?	Yes	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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, 2013. Only grants, contracts, or payments related to the subject matter of the hearing must be listed. NA		
6. Please attach your curriculum vitae to your completed disclosure form.		

Signature



Date: 9-9-16

Biographical Information on Jeff Burnstein

Jeff Burnstein is the President of Robotic Industries Association (RIA) and its parent group the Association for Advancing Automation (A3). Other associations under the A3 umbrella include AIA – Advancing Vision + Imaging, and the Motion Control and Motor Association (MCMA). Together RIA, AIA, and MCMA represent some 960 global companies involved in robotics, vision, motion control and motors and related automation technologies.

Burnstein joined RIA in 1983 as Manager of Public Relations and has held a variety of senior positions at RIA, AIA and MCMA culminating in his promotion to RIA and A3 President in 2007. He is a frequent commentator on issues such as the impact of automation on jobs and the future of automation beyond the factory floor. He has given presentations to meetings of the Congressional Robotics Caucus, and recently served as an industry representative on the panel celebrating the five-year anniversary of the National Robotics Initiative.

Prior to joining RIA, Burnstein worked at the Society of Manufacturing Engineers as well as the Central Business District Association in downtown Detroit, Michigan. He was born in Detroit, is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of Literature, Science & the Arts, and is a life-long resident of the state of Michigan.

About A3 and RIA

Key A3 and RIA activities include the development of the American National Robot Safety Standard (ANSI/RIA R15.06); sponsorship of Automate, North America's leading automation trade show and conference; collection of statistics on the North American robotics, machine vision, and motion control markets; developer of content-rich websites on these technologies at www.robotics.org, www.visiononline.org; and www.motioncontrolonline.org; and sponsorship of leading conferences and exhibits on key technology advances such as Collaborative Robots and Vision Guided Robots. RIA also presents the annual Engelberger Robotics Awards, the industry's highest honor. Additionally, the www.a3automate.org website contains a series of "Why I Automate" videos based on the experiences of small and medium sized automation users. The association also publishes white papers such as its 2015 paper on "Robots Fuel the Next Wave of Productivity and Job Growth."

Founded in 1974, RIA is the North American representative to the International Federation of Robotics (IFR). Burnstein serves as a member of the IFR Executive Committee, regularly giving presentations and representing the interests of RIA members at leading global events in North America, Europe and Asia.

A3 is headquartered in Ann Arbor, Michigan and currently has a staff of 18 people. The association will soon open an A3 de Mexico organization to help serve the growing demand for information about robotics in Mexico.