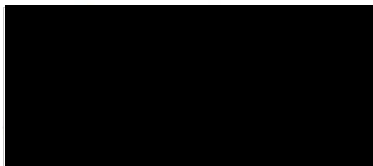


**Committee on Energy and Commerce**  
**U.S. House of Representatives**  
Witness Disclosure Requirement - "Truth in Testimony"  
Required by House Rule XI, Clause 2(g)(5)

<b>1. Your Name:</b> Erik D. Olson		
<b>2. Your Title:</b> Senior Director, Health & Food		
<b>3. The Entity(ies) You are Representing:</b> Natural Resources Defense Council		
<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>  None		
<b>6. Please attach your curriculum vitae to your completed disclosure form.</b>  Attached		

Signature:



Date: 9/4/2018

## **Erik D. Olson**

### **Brief Biography**

Erik D. Olson is Senior Director for Health and Food at the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), in the Healthy People and Thriving Communities program. He has more than 30 years of experience in consumer, public health, and environmental policy. He oversees NRDC's work on an array of issues including drinking water, toxic chemicals in food and consumer products, pesticides, and other food, agriculture and environmental health concerns. He has worked on drinking water and toxics issues since he began his legal career at EPA in 1984, when he focused on the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), clean water, and hazardous waste issues. He has served on the National Drinking Water Advisory Council and was actively involved in the 1986 and 1996 amendments to the SDWA. His food work at NRDC concentrates on antibiotics overuse in animal production, food waste, agricultural contributions to pollution and climate change, and better and less meat.

Prior to assuming his current position, Olson was Senior Director of Food Programs, and Deputy Director of the Pew Health Group at The Pew Charitable Trusts, where he oversaw work on toxic chemical policy reform, reduction of antibiotics use in animal agriculture, food safety, school nutrition, and the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) food additives programs. At Pew he helped lead the successful legislative effort to enact in 2011 the first overhaul of the FDA's food safety program in over 70 years.

Previously, he was Deputy Staff Director and General Counsel of the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. During his Senate tenure, he played a key role in major legislation and hearings on global warming, children's environmental health, toxic chemicals, clean air, drinking water, clean water, green buildings, and environmental justice, among other issues.

In his prior 15-year stint at NRDC, he helped enact the Food Quality Protection Act and the 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments. Previously, he was an attorney at the National Wildlife Federation where he was a litigator and advocate on pesticides, toxics, water, waste and oil spills. Prior to his NWF position, he served as a staff lawyer at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of General Counsel, where he litigated and counseled agency clients on water and waste issues.

He has litigated major federal environmental cases ranging from the Exxon Valdez case to drinking water, Superfund, and other groundbreaking federal litigation.

Olson is a member of the [National Academy of Medicine](#)'s Food Forum and of the James Beard Foundation's impact programs advisory committee, and is on the Boards for [Food Policy Action](#) and the [Supporters of Agriculture Research](#) (SoAR) Foundation. He received his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif legal honor society and served as an editor of the environmental law journal. He earned his A.B. from Columbia University in environmental biology and policy.