

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
118th Congress Disclosure Form
As required by and provided for in House Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5)

"How the Compacts of Free Association Support U.S. Interests and Counter the PRC's Influence."
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For Individuals:

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

Name: NONE

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For Nongovernment Witnesses ONLY:

1. Please attach/include current curriculum vitae or resume.

Below and attached.

2. Please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) related to the subject matter of the hearing that were received in the current year and previous two calendar years by you or the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the source and amount of each grant or contract.

NONE

3. Please list any contracts or payments originating with a foreign government related to the subject matter of the hearing that were received in the current year and previous two calendar years by you or the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the amount and country of origin of each contract or payment.

NONE

4. Please disclose whether you are a fiduciary (including, but not limited to, a director, officer, advisor, or resident agent) of any organization or entity that has an interest in the subject matter of the hearing.

NONE

5. Please list any current or pending litigation against the Federal government to which you or your organization is a party. Please disclose as applicable case name, docket number, the court, and subject matter of the litigation.

NONE

Albert V. Short, Colonel U. S. Army (retired)

Colonel Albert V. Short is a soldier, diplomat, corporate executive, and entrepreneur, with over 50 years of successful management and leadership experience at all levels, to include the U. S. Government, international trade, and development projects in the U. S. and abroad, and founder and CEO of numerous ventures.

He has been associated with Micronesia since 1979, first as Chief of Staff and Defense Advisor in the NSC office that created Free Association with Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Marshall Islands (1979 to 1986), then twenty years later as the U. S. chief negotiator for the Amended Compact (2003), which is now being renegotiated by the parties.

Colonel Short is a Vietnam combat veteran and served in the Army's Foreign Area Program for many years in Asia and Africa.

He is acutely aware of the key role the Free Association relationship has played in the democratic development of the Micronesian nations, the importance of keeping this vital area free of hostile foreign influence, and the need to expeditiously renew the Compacts of Free Association for another 20 years.