

**COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**115<sup>th</sup> Congress Disclosure Form**  
**As required by and provided for in House Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5)**

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*“ESA Consultation Impediments to Economic and Infrastructure Development”*

**For Individuals:**

Name:  
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**For Witnesses Representing Organizations:**

Name: **Ya-Wei Li**  
Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing: **Defenders of Wildlife**  
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**For Nongovernment Witnesses ONLY:**

1. Please attach/include current curriculum vitae or resume.  
**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 on ESA consultations.**

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 on ESA consultations.**

## EXPERIENCE

### Vice President of Endangered Species Conservation

Sept. 2010 – Present

*Defenders of Wildlife, Washington, D.C.*

- Oversee the Endangered Species Conservation Department, which focuses on developing more effective and efficient ways to conserve endangered species.

### Associate Attorney

Aug. 2007 – Aug. 2010

*Latham & Watkins (Environment, Land & Resources Department), Washington, D.C.*

- Researched and drafted documents on Endangered Species Act issues, including Section 7 consultations, ESA legislative history, Part 402 Interagency Cooperation rules, and interpretation of the “best available data” standard.
- Interpreted and advised clients on the National Environmental Policy Act; National Forest Management Act; Administrative Procedure Act; Clean Water Act; Clean Air Act; Mineral Leasing Act; Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act; Toxic Substances Control Act; and other federal laws.

## PUBLICATIONS

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Dispute Resolution Clauses in International Contracts: An Empirical Study, Cornell International Law Journal 93:789 (2006).

**EDUCATION**

**Cornell University Law School**, J.D., *cum laude*, 2007

**Drexel University**, B.S., *summa cum laude*, 2003