

Truth in Testimony Disclosure Form

In accordance with Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5)* of the *Rules of the House of Representatives*, witnesses are asked to disclose the following information. Please complete this form electronically by filling in the provided blanks.

Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure 

Subcommittee: _____

Hearing Date: 11/04/2021

Hearing Title :

The Evolving Cybersecurity Landscape: Industry Perspectives on Securing the Nation's Infrastructure

Witness Name: Thomas L. Farmer

Position/Title: Assistant Vice President - Security

Witness Type: Governmental Non-governmental

Are you representing yourself or an organization? Self Organization

If you are representing an organization, please list what entity or entities you are representing:

Association of American Railroads (AAR) and railroad industry security committees, specifically the Rail Information Security Committee (cybersecurity focused) and Rail Security Working Committee (anti-terrorism and physical security focused); together, these two committees comprise the Rail Sector Coordinating Council, established pursuant to the National Infrastructure Protection Plan.

FOR WITNESSES APPEARING IN A NON-GOVERNMENTAL CAPACITY

Please complete the following fields. If necessary, attach additional sheet(s) to provide more information.

Are you 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? If so, please list the name of the organization(s) or entities.

I serve as an officer in the Association of American Railroads (AAR) and lead representative and coordinator for the Rail Information Security Committee and the Rail Security Working Committee. Member railroads of AAR, and members of and participants in the respective industry security committees, are interested in matters pertaining to cybersecurity generally as a business necessity and priority for operational resiliency and safety. Further, these railroads are subject to Security Directives that mandate cybersecurity actions and measures, which the Secretary of Homeland Security has publicly announced that TSA will issue this year.

Please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) related to the hearing's subject matter that you, the organization(s) you represent, or entities for which you serve as a fiduciary have received in the past thirty-six months from the date of the hearing. Include the source and amount of each grant or contract.

The Association of American Railroads, through the industry security program, manages an other transaction agreement (OTA) with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) for full-time assignment of a senior railroad police officer, with security clearance at the TS/SCI level, at the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Rail Security Program and National Joint Terrorism Task Force (NJTTF). The agreement covers compensation and related costs for the assignment of this officer by the employing railroad. The total value of this agreement is \$145,200.

Please list any contracts, grants, or payments originating with a foreign government and related to the hearing's subject that you, the organization(s) you represent, or entities for which you serve as a fiduciary have received in the past thirty-six months from the date of the hearing. Include the amount and country of origin of each contract or payment.

None.

Please complete the following fields. If necessary, attach additional sheet(s) to provide more information.

- I have attached a written statement of proposed testimony.
- I have attached my curriculum vitae or biography.

* Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5), of the U.S. House of Representatives provides:

(5)(A) Each committee shall, to the greatest extent practicable, require witnesses who appear before it to submit in advance written statements of proposed testimony and to limit their initial presentations to the committee to brief summaries thereof.

(B) In the case of a witness appearing in a non-governmental capacity, a written statement of proposed testimony shall include— (i) a curriculum vitae; (ii) a disclosure of any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts, grants, or payments originating with a foreign government, received during the past 36 months by the witness or by an entity represented by the witness and related to the subject matter of the hearing; and (iii) a disclosure of whether the witness is 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.

(C) The disclosure referred to in subdivision (B)(iii) shall include— (i) the amount and source of each Federal grant (or subgrant thereof) or contract (or subcontract thereof) related to the subject matter of the hearing; and (ii) the amount and country of origin of any payment or contract related to the subject matter of the hearing originating with a foreign government.

(D) Such statements, with appropriate redactions to protect the privacy or security of the witness, shall be made publicly available in electronic form 24 hours before the witness appears to the extent practicable, but not later than one day after the witness appears.

