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)

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1.	1. Your Name: Robert W. Patterson			
2.	2. Your Title: Acting Administrator			
3.	The Entity(ies) You are Representing: Drug Enforcement Administration			
4.	Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity?	Yes X	No	
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Robert W. Patterson Acting Administrator Drug Enforcement Administration U.S. Department of Justice



Robert W. Patterson was appointed as Acting Administrator for the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) on October 2, 2017. As the Acting Administrator, Mr. Patterson is responsible for administering the enforcement of the Federal narcotics and dangerous drug laws of the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970 and the execution of all functions assigned to the DEA by the Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1973. Acting Administrator Patterson serves as the Principal Advisor to the Attorney General on international drug control policy and related operations of the United States. He is the highest ranking career Special Agent at DEA.

Mr. Patterson had previously served as DEA's Principal Deputy Administrator since November 2016. In that role, he served as DEA's Chief Operating Officer, overseeing all of DEA's enforcement, intelligence, administrative, and regulatory activities worldwide.

From November 2015 to November 2016, Mr. Patterson served as DEA's Chief Inspector, where he oversaw the Inspection Division, comprised of the Office of Inspections, the Office of Security Programs, and the Office of Professional Responsibility. Collectively, these offices comprise DEA's internal affairs, compliance, and security programs and provide guidance and support to DEA Headquarters and Field Offices.

Mr. Patterson has also served in a variety other positions within DEA, including Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC), and later Acting Special Agent in Charge, of the Special Operations Division (SOD), where he oversaw classified programs, and communication exploitation tools, in support of field operations; and as a Group Supervisor in the Miami Division, where he led the operations of the Orlando District Office Task Force, and later served as acting ASAC.

Mr. Patterson began his career with DEA in 1988 in the New York Division, where he worked numerous RICO investigations. Mr. Patterson was also part of a special program established to combat the growing opioid epidemic and associated violence in the greater New York area.

Mr. Patterson is a native of New Jersey, and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Northeastern University, where he graduated with honors. Over his nearly 30 years with DEA, Mr. Patterson has gained a reputation as an expert on transnational criminal networks, narcotics trafficking and trends, as well as governing policy and agency oversight matters.