

**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> Paul W Schroeder		
<b>2. Your Title:</b> Director of Public Policy		
<b>3. The Entity(ies) You are Representing:</b> Aira Tech Corp		
<b>4. Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b> X
<p>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.</p> <p>National Science Foundation (NSF) SBIR/STTR Phase I Award received on July 18, 2017</p>		
<b>5. Please attach your curriculum vitae to your completed disclosure form.</b>		

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: 4/13/18

# Paul Schroeder

## Work History

**Director, Public Policy & Strategic Alliances**, Aira Tech Corp., La Jolla, California (July 2017-Present)

- Direct strategic initiatives and alliances with programs serving people with disabilities
- Lead Aira's public policy engagement and issue development in the public sector including State/Federal programs
- Support Aira's business development, including Corporate and Consumer channels
- Manage the relationship with key organizations representing the interests of people with disabilities

**Principal**, PS Strategies, Silver Spring, Maryland (October 2016-Present)

- Provide technology, accessibility, and disability consulting services through collaborative leadership, dialogue, and constructive engagement
- Assist with policy and issue development, advocacy and advice related to disability and technology accessibility

**Vice President, Programs and Policy**, American Foundation for the Blind (AFB), Washington, D.C. (July 2004-October 2016)

- Reported to the President and CEO and served as a member of the Senior Leadership Team
- Administered operational budget of nearly \$5,000,000.00
- Developed annual plan objectives and program budgets
- Supervised and provides support and direction for a group of 25 individuals
- Oversaw and provided leadership and strategic direction for AFB's public policy and research, Center on Vision Loss, web information centers, publishing, technology program and access consulting
- Oversaw development of program content and fundraising for AFB's Leadership Conference
- Oversaw the operation of AFB's offices outside New York

**Vice President, Government Relations**, American Foundation for the Blind, Washington, D.C. (July 2000-July 2004)

**Director, National Technology Program/AFB Midwest**, American Foundation for the Blind, Chicago, Illinois (September 1995-June 2000)

**National Program Associate in Telecommunications and Technology**, American Foundation for the Blind Chicago, Illinois (October 1994-September 1995)

**Director of Governmental Affairs**, American Council of the Blind, Washington, DC (May 1991-October 1994)

**Special Projects Coordinator**, Governor's Office of Advocacy for People with Disabilities, Columbus, Ohio (September 1985-May 1991)

## Boards and Committees

### **Leadership:**

**Chair, Legislative Committee**, Maryland School for the Blind, Board of Directors (Gubernatorial appointee since April 2016; previously Vice Chair, Board of Directors May 2014-February 2017)

**Chair**, World Institute on Disability, Board of Directors (February 2012-February 2016)

**Vice Chair**, Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (January 2004-December 2004)

**Treasurer**, Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (January 2003-December 2003)

**Co-Chair**, Task Force on Communications and Telecommunications, Consortium for Citizens

with Disabilities (1992-1994; 2001-2003)

**President**, Alliance for Public Technology (1999-2003)

**Vice Chair**, Telecommunications Access Advisory Committee, United States Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) (1996-1997)

**Other Appointments:**

**Member**, Federal Communications Commission Consumer Advisory Committee (2011-2016)

**Member**, World Blind Union, Technology Working Group (2007-2016)

**Member**, Described & Captioned Media Program Advisory Board (October 2006–2011)

**Member**, Microsoft Accessibility Advisory Council (1999-2000)

**Member**, Electronic and Information Technology Access Advisory Committee, United States Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) (1998-1999)

**Regional Coordinator (ADA)**, Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (1989-1990)

**Board of Directors**, Central Ohio Radio Reading Service (1986-1991)

**Selected Awards**

**Susan G. Hadden Pioneer Award**, Alliance for Public Technology (2004)

**Jacquelyn Brand Leadership Award in Assistive Technology**, Alliance for Technology Access (2000)

**Education**

**B. A.**, The American University, Washington, DC.