

**COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Disclosure Form**

**As required by and provided for in House Rule XI, clause 2(g) and the Rules of the Committee on Natural Resources**

Legislative hearing on: HR 511, To amend Title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation of various injurious species of constrictor snakes.

For Individuals:

- 1. Name:
- 2. Address:
- 3. Email Address:
- 4. Phone Number:

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

- 1. Name: **Shawn Heflick**
- 2. Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing: **USARK**
- 3. Business Address: **240 Bay Tree Lane, Palm Bay, FL 32909**
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1.Name/Organization Shawn Heflick  
Title/Date of Hearing: **HR 511, To amend Title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation of various injurious species of constrictor snakes. Nov 29, 2012**

a. Any training or educational certificates, diplomas or degrees or other educational experiences that are relevant to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing. **Bachelor of Science in Biology, Master of Science in Conservation Biology, Thesis on Invasive Amphibian in Florida, Former Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) Curator, AZA Zoo Management Graduate.**

b. Any professional licenses, certifications, or affiliations held that are relevant to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing. **National Geographic WILD; Host for Python Hunters Series, Licensed Python Agent for USWFS (ENP) & FWC, First Python Agent licensed by FWC. President of NGO; Conservation Rainforest Trust. Hold Florida Wildlife & Conservation Commission (FWC) Permits for ALL taxa except Elephants and Rhinoceros.**

c. Any employment, occupation, ownership in a firm or business, or work-related experiences that relate to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing. **I am a herpetologist, former AZA zoo curator and breeder of reptiles for the last 25+ years. I have studied the behaviors of these animals in the Everglades, as well as, python and boa species around the world.**

d. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the *Department of the Interior (and /or other agencies invited)* that you have received in the current year and previous four years, including the source and the amount of each grant or contract. **N/A**

e. A list of all lawsuits or petitions filed by you against the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit or petition, the subject matter of the lawsuit or petition, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits or petitions were filed. **N/A**

f. Any other information you wish to convey that might aid the Members of the Committee to better understand the context of your testimony. **I worked hand in hand with FWC to develop the initial Python Program, and I have been involved in the Python issue in the Everglades since the beginning. In addition, I have spent countless hours in the Everglades and have firsthand knowledge of the issues in the field with regard to estimated population numbers, population dynamics, lack of cold tolerance and associated issues.**

Name/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Date of Hearing \_\_\_\_\_

In addition, for witnesses representing organizations:

g. Any offices, elected positions, or representational capacity held in the organization(s) on whose behalf you are testifying. **N/A**

h. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the *Department of the Interior (and /or other agencies invited)* that were received in the current year and previous four years by the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the source and amount of each grant or contract for each of the organization(s). **N/A**

i. A list of all lawsuits or petitions filed by the organization(s) you represent at the hearing against the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit or petition, the subject matter of the lawsuit or petition, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits or petitions were filed for each of the organization(s). **N/A**

j. A list of any countries from which the organization(s) you represent at the hearing have received foreign donations and the total amount of donations received from each country, for the current year and the previous four years, by each organization. **N/A**

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k. For tax-exempt organizations and non-profit organizations, copies of the three most recent public IRS Form 990s (including Form 990-PF, Form 990-N, and Form 990-EZ) for each of the organization(s) you represent at the hearing (not including any contributor names and addresses or any information withheld from public inspection by the Secretary of the Treasury under 26 U.S.C. 6104)). **N/A**