

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

IN RE: PHILIPS RECALLED CPAP,)	Master Docket: No. 21-mc-1230-JFC
BI-LEVEL PAP, AND MECHANICAL)	
VENTILATOR PRODUCTS)	
LITIGATION)	
)	
This Document Relates to:)	
All Actions)	

RULE 53 DECLARATION CONCERNING SPECIAL MASTER APPOINTMENT

I, Thomas I. Vanaskie, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, declare and state as follows in connection with my proposed appointment as Special Master in the above-captioned matter:

1. I have no personal bias or prejudice concerning any of the parties to this matter, or personal knowledge of disputed evidentiary facts concerning the proceeding.

2. I have not previously served as counsel in the matter in controversy, nor has any other lawyer with whom I practice served as counsel in this matter.

3. I have not previously participated as counsel, adviser, or material witness in the proceeding or expressed an opinion concerning the merits of the case.

4. Neither I nor anyone in my household has any financial interest in the subject matter in controversy, or is a party to the proceeding, or has any other interest that could be substantially affected by the outcome of the proceeding.

5. Neither I, nor a person within the third degree of relationship is (i) a party to the proceeding, or an officer, director, or trustee of a party; (ii) acting as a lawyer in the proceeding; (iii) is known by me to have an interest that could be substantially affected by the outcome of the proceeding; or (iv) to my knowledge likely to be a material witness in the proceeding.

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on: January 10, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Thomas I Vanaskie

Honorable Thomas I. Vanaskie (Ret.)

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