

Legislative Testimony Worksheet

Greeting and Introduction

Circle the appropriate response when applicable:

Good morning/Good afternoon

Mr. Chairperson/Madame Chairperson/Mr. Chairperson & Madame Chairperson/ *etc.*

Thank you for this opportunity to speak before the committee.

My name is: _____ and I am from: _____

I am representing: myself/ _____
[the name of the group you are representing]

I support/I oppose

Enter the bill number: _____

Enter the name of the bill: _____

Body of Testimony Statement

1. In one or two sentences summarize your position:

2. List the reasons for taking your position (Make sure you include why the issue is important to you; what you want to change about this issue; how your life or those you represent might be different if this issue were to change):

Closing Your Testimony Statement

1. Summarize your position: I support/I oppose [*bill number and name*] because this bill would:

2. Thank the committee and offer to answer any questions: “Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today. I would be happy to answer any questions.”

Put each section together. Congratulations, you now have prepared your oral testimony. Now you must practice, practice, practice since giving testimony before the legislature is not read from a script.

You will have two minutes to give your testimony, so make sure you are able to say all that you need without talking too fast or going over your allotted time.

Once you are very familiar with your testimony, you can make an outline of it to refer to. It is best to print your testimony in a large font so that it is easy to read, in outline form.