



How do I testify?

Testifying doesn't have to be as scary as you think. This worksheet will help you build a strong testimony.

Step 1: Identify the bill by number.

Bill number: _____

Step 2: Do you support or oppose the bill?

SUPPORT OPPOSE

Step 3: What do you like/dislike about the bill. Try to pick 1-3 things, give quick overview and a solution. 1-3 sentences each.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Step 4: Make it personal. How will this bill impact your life? Jot down some ideas here.

Step 5: Turn your problem into the legislator's problem. How does this impact them: angry voters, job loss, loss of liberty, taxes, health, safety, etc

Step 6: Wrap it all up together. Don't forget to add something like. "I appreciate the opportunity to be here and look forward to see how the legislature uses the people's testimony to adequately represent us."

Step 7: Practice your testimony. Reading it out loud once or twice is helpful to determine flow and length. The goal is to keep it about 3 minutes long.

You are all set! Remember, the legislators are people just like you and I. There is no need to feel inadequate or as if your voice doesn't matter. YOU are the reason they are there!

