

## Testimony Template

**NOTE:** Email your testimony to the Committee Chair's office – whether you are testifying in person or not.

Try to email it at least 24 hours ahead of time (though that won't always be possible). Then bring a printed copy to read in front of the committee.

**REMEMBER:** You will need to submit/email your testimony with a WITNESS SLIP. You can email the chair's office and ask for one.

Chairman/woman \_\_\_\_\_, Vice Chair \_\_\_\_\_, Ranking Member \_\_\_\_\_, and members of the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I am [*basic bio about who you are*]. I am strongly opposed to (*or I strongly support*) [*Bill Number*].

*[Then tell them why! Make it short and sweet - a few paragraphs is perfect. Tell a personal story. Or explain why your job experience gives you this perspective on the bill. Maybe cite some statistics or case studies to back up your claims]*

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote [*NO/YES*] on this [*harmful/dangerous/important/life-saving/etc.*] bill. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

I will now take any questions you may have.

**NOTE:** Legislators are more likely to ask questions if you provide data/statistics or present yourself as having professional experience related to the bill. This can be awesome! But be prepared to back your testimony up!