

Template for Individual Testimony

(Written if only submitting in writing) Testimony on House or Senate Bill #

Your Name, Contact Information

Date

Chair _____, 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 or what experience or expertise relates to your testimony]. I am (strongly opposed to) (or I strongly support) Bill # and title.

Then tell them why! Make it short and sweet - a few paragraphs is perfect. If you have personal experience, a story or some form of expertise, explain how it informs your thoughts on the legislation.

End by restting your position/ask. 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.

Correct for grammar and spelling. If you want someone to review or any other help, email advocacy@lwvohio.org.

Save the testimony to your computer.

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- Choose the proper witness form from Witness Information Forms (this page also has the leadership of all the committees).
- Fill in the witness form and forward it to email.
- Attach the testimony – usually as a pdf.
- Send to the Chair of the proper committee. Standard email forms:
 - House: Repdistrict#@ohiohouse.gov
 - Senate: senator’s last name@ohiosenate.gov