



## Sharing your story: Tips for writing testimony.

Your testimony should be your story, in your words. Do you support or oppose the bill? Why are you testifying? What makes this bill important to you? What do legislators need to know about you, your family, and the impact of a bill to help them support your position?

You can submit testimony in person or in writing. Each committee will post their own directions and email address for submitting testimony. If you are testifying in person you must keep your remarks to three (3) minutes.

### SAMPLE TESTIMONY TEMPLATE:

Date

Dear Honorable Members of the Legislative Committee,

My name is name and I live in town. I am a parent/sibling/caregiver/friend of name of person with I/DD. I am testifying today in support/opposition of name and number of bill.

Briefly state why you are testifying. Why is this issue important to you? How would your family or your loved one with I/DD be impacted by the legislation? What other information do legislators need to have to make the right decision.

Please consider *supporting/opposing* this bill.

Thank you for your time and efforts.

Sincerely,

*YOUR NAME*

*STREET ADDRESS*

*TOWN, STATE, ZIP*