

# Introductions

Hello Chair and Committee members.

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am here representing \_\_\_\_\_.

Every conversation starts with a hello! Testifying at a hearing can seem intimidating, but think of it as a conversation you're having with a few people.

Be sure to say who you are, and if you are speaking on behalf of an organization, say that too.

# Why You're Here

## Key talking points

What bill are you talking about?  
Do you support or oppose it?

What is your personal experience with this issue?

How does the bill affect you - and other people with disabilities?

Can you share your story in 2 minutes?



# "Thank You"



Congratulations! You've successfully advocated for a bill as a witness! Be sure to finish your testimony by thanking the committee for hearing your views. And don't forget to ask them to support (or oppose) the bill.



# Build your story...

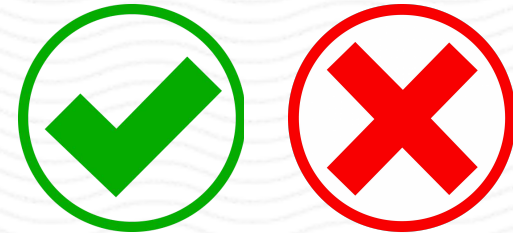
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Introduce yourself. Use your full name, and say either what city you are from or what organization you are with.



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Say what bill you are here to speak about, and if you support or oppose it



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Share your expertise! Each bill has a topic. What do you know about that topic? Use examples from your life that show you are familiar with the issue being talked about.

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Say how this bill would affect you and people like you. Be sure you make it clear that the impact is either good or bad!

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As you finish speaking, ask the committee to vote for or against the bill, and thank them for listening to your testimony.

