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# Sample Testimony Template

A CUSTOMIZABLE FRAMEWORK FOR ORAL OR WRITTEN TESTIMONY TO OHIO LAWMAKERS

## Before You Begin

- ✔ Read the bill and understand the specific issue.
- ✔ Review the committee's instructions (time limits, format, and deadlines).
- ✔ Use this template as a guide and personalize it with your own experience, expertise, and perspective.

## Key Elements

- **Introduce yourself** and your connection to the issue.
- **State your position** (support, oppose, or support with amendments).
- **Share 2–4 key points** or real-life examples.
- **Make a clear request** of the committee.
- **Thank the committee** for their time and consideration.

## Sample Testimony (Template)

### Introduction

Good morning, Chair [Name], Vice Chair [Name], and members of the [Committee Name]. My name is [Your Name], and I am a *[resident of City/County, Ohio] / [profession or role, if relevant].* I am here today to speak on [Bill Number, e.g., SB 385 / HB 123].

### Your Position

*I [support / oppose / support with amendments]* this bill because *[briefly state your main reason in one sentence].*

### Key Points

I would like to share a few key points for your consideration:

1. *[First key point — include a relevant fact, experience, or concern.]*
2. *[Second key point — explain the real-world impact on individuals, families, or your community.]*
3. *[Third key point — optional, such as a potential unintended consequence, or a suggested improvement.]*

### Your Request

For these reasons, I respectfully ask the committee to *[support / oppose / amend]* this bill by *[clearly state your request, if applicable].*

### Closing

Thank you for your time, your service, and for considering the perspective of Ohio citizens on this important matter.

## Tips for Personalizing Your Testimony

- Be authentic and speak from your own experience.
- Use clear, respectful, and concise language.
- Connect the issue to real-life impact (yourself, your family, your patients, your community, or your work).
- Keep it focused on the bill and your specific request.