



Public Hearing Preparation

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Your Voice Matters

Adding your voice magnifies the importance of a piece of legislation

Your testimony can be re-packaged the following ways:

- A letter to the editor or opinion piece
- A social media post (tag your Representatives/Senators)
- A letter to legislators

The Bulletin Notice

***COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022**

The Committee on Children will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 1:00 P.M.** via **Zoom**. The public hearing can be viewed via **YouTube Live**. In addition, the public hearing may be recorded and broadcast live on **CT-N.com**. Individuals who wish to testify via Zoom must register using the **On-line Testimony Registration Form**. Registration will close on Monday, February 21, 2022 at 3:00 P.M. Speaker order of approved registrants will be posted on the Committee on Children website on Monday, February 21, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. under Public Hearing Testimony. If you do not have internet access, you may provide testimony via telephone. To register to testify by phone, call the Phone Registrant Line at (860) 240-0441 to leave your contact information. Please email written testimony in Word or PDF format to KIDtestimony@cga.ct.gov. The Committee requests that testimony be limited to matters related to the items on the Agenda. The first hour of the hearing is reserved for Legislators, State Agency Heads, Chief Elected Municipal Officials and children. Please alert us through the registration process if there is a child testifying as we give preferential placement to our young guests in speaker order. Speakers will be limited to three minutes of testimony. The Committee encourages witnesses to submit a written statement and to condense oral testimony to a summary of that statement. All public hearing testimony, written and spoken, is public information. As such, it will be made available on the CGA website and indexed by internet search engines. Online registration:

SUBJECT MATTER: Children's Bills

*H.B. No. 5152 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S HEALTH.

Preparing your testimony



PREPARE TO
SPEAK FOR 3
MINUTES



MAJOR POINTS –
FIRST!



MAKE YOURSELF
AN OUTLINE



REHEARSE IN
ADVANCE



TIME YOURSELF!

Prepare your Atmosphere

Note

Note your background

Make

Make sure your face is lit

Set

Set your camera to a favorable angle – helps with eye contact

- Stacks of books come in handy (to elevate your screen/camera)

Logistics for Public Hearings



You must sign yourself up



Deadline is 3:00 PM the day BEFORE the hearing.



You will receive a zoom invitation from the Committee.



DO NOT FORWARD THIS INVITATION – it is only for YOU!



The Order of Testimony will be published at 6:00 the night BEFORE the hearing.



You will be admitted as a “panelist” a few minutes before you will be called to deliver your testimony.

Testimony Do's and Don'ts

DO

- ▶ Introduce Yourself
 - ▶ State WHY you care about the issue
 - ▶ Keep an optimistic tone
 - ▶ Impart a positive vision
 - ▶ With this policy we can
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DON'T

- ▶ Berate the Committee
- ▶ Threaten to pull your vote/campaign for the opposition
- ▶ Ask why this (process) is necessary
- ▶ Exceed three minutes

Parting Thoughts

There is a timer/bell that goes off at 3 minutes - Wrap it up!



Thank legislators for listening



Wait until you are disconnected before you let your hair down.



Follow up!



Questions?



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