

HOW TO SUBMIT WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

A guide for submitting written testimony to the Maryland General Assembly

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Step 1.) Go to the Maryland General Assembly website [home page](#).

Step 2.) Click the MyMGA icon on the top right; it is a little red square with the social media icons.

Step 3.) Click Register and create a new MyMGA Tracking Account. A confirmation email will be sent to the email address.

Step 4.) Sign In to MyMGA account. Click [here](#) for Video Tutorials on how to navigate the MGA website.

Step 5.) Once you are logged in, click on the MyMGA icon once again and you will now see a new list of options to interact with. Click on "Witness Signup". Once on this page you will see all of the testimony opportunities that are being held for the day. There you can place your position as Favorable or Unfavorable and upload your testimony. Testimony must be uploaded as a PDF only.

HOW TO WRITE TESTIMONY:

Testimony, either written or given orally, depending on the situation, expresses one's connection and opinion on a bill that is being presented. Providing testimony is how we ensure that we are engaging lawmakers who depend on constituent input for policy and decision making.

To write your testimony we recommend you start by identifying yourself and/or the organization you are representing, and your connection to the legislation that is being heard. Next, clearly state your position on the bill. Next summarize your recommendations and connect your position to your lived experiences and why you are testifying. Finally, make sure you clearly state a closing statement that repeats whether or not you want the lawmakers to support or oppose the legislation being heard.