



# CT169Strong

## How to Testify at a Public Hearing

### SUBMIT TESTIMONY TO STATE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES AND MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

Visit our FB Page for most current talking points on specific bills or fact sheets on individual bills when available and for sample testimony content you may use, but try to use your own words and personal experience. Email [info@ct169strong.org](mailto:info@ct169strong.org) with any questions you may have process.

The Committee encourages witnesses to submit a written 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. If you don't want your name to be part of the public record, you must state that.

1. Put the testimony in either a Word document or PDF (not just the body of an email)
2. Include the bill numbers (for example HB6633, HB6593)
3. Include your name, and your town
4. Use the links that we have provided with bill information using the "Online Testimony Submission Form" to the Housing Committee or the Planning and Development Committee
5. On the CGA form, select the hearing date, bill number, whether you "support" or "oppose"
6. Attach the document to the link provided for testimony submission

Suggestion for testimony:

- Introduction: Begin with "Honorable Committee Members" refer to Committee List for details of all committee members if you want to email a specific committee – for info, visit [cga.ct.gov](http://cga.ct.gov)
- Introduce yourself, your town and any relevant background that you may have.
- Indicate right away you oppose bill(s) \_\_\_\_\_, and why.
- Offer suggestions to improve it. Then explain your reasoning.
- Use recent comments provided on CT169Strong Facebook Page regarding the bills.

(In your own words...pls make the point...) One size does not fit all and locally elected leaders and Planning and Zoning members are the most accountable to the residents of the municipality and can decide zoning issues in a manner that allows planned development without adverse impacts to the local infrastructure, the environment or historical preservation.

Closing with call to action:

Thank you very much for this opportunity to submit testimony. Please Vote NO on bill(s)\_\_\_\_\_.

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and how to testify**

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