

130th Legislative Session – Step-by-Step Directions to Testify for a Bill (in Writing or via Zoom) Updated 11 Feb 2021

First, go to the online portal here:

<https://www.mainelegislature.org/testimony/>

You'll need to know the Committee, the date of the public hearing, and the Bill Number (LD). Select each of those at the top of the form.

Then fill out the rest of the details on this page. If you want to testify in person, you should check that box on the bottom of the screen first (see red arrow - there seems to be a glitch that if you upload written testimony first, that will be deleted when the in-person box is checked and must then be uploaded again). Note also that you will need to click Support/Oppose/Neither For Nor Against. Seasonal residents should use their Maine town, even if they don't vote in Maine. Click Submit/Register.

If you are testifying "live", you will get an email from the Committee clerk with a Zoom link to use at the date and time of the hearing. You will also get a reminder an hour before the meeting. You will not have audio or video enabled when you first join the meeting. When it comes time to hear testimony, the chair will read out three names at a time, and you will be let into the meeting and your audio and video can be turned on. Please note it takes 5-7 seconds to "join" the hearing. Be patient through this transition! Committee Chairs have discretion when it comes to your background and will request you turn off your video if you have a background deemed offensive. You will have three minutes to speak. Greet the two chairs by name and the committee as a whole. State your name and town, then be as concise as possible. Speak passionately and from your heart about the bill and why you care. And be prepared to be cut off if you go much over your three minutes.

Thank you so much for speaking up about bills in the legislature! Your voice matters and makes a big difference. For more information, including tips on writing testimony, current priority bills for Maine Lakes, and much more, visit www.lakes.me/advocacy or email sgallo@lakes.me.

Committee Testimony Submission and Signing Up To Testify Live

Use this form to submit written testimony to the committee or sign up to testify live before a committee at a public hearing or confirmation hearing.

- You may sign up to testify orally or submit written testimony as soon as the bill is scheduled for public hearing;
- To provide live testimony, register AT LEAST 30 MINUTES before the posted start time of the meeting; registrations after that time will be accepted at the discretion of the committee chairs;
- Testimony received after the day of the public hearing will be distributed to committee members and staff, but it may not be published online;
- Testimony will be published as soon as possible after the day of the hearing;
- Your name and the organization you represent or the town in which you live, as specified by you on this form, will accompany the publishing of your testimony;
- Please include your name and organization or town of residence on any documents;
- If you are having problems with this page, please [click here](#) to email the webmaster.

NOTICE: Testimony submitted to a committee is public information. By submitting this form, you agree to release to the public all the information you have included. The e-mail address and phone number you enter below will not be published. **DO NOT INCLUDE** any information you do not intend to make public, such as medical or other personal information.

Choose a committee:

Choose date:

Choose a bill:

- LD 8 - An Act To Support Collection and Proper Disposal of Unwanted Drugs
- LD 208 - An Act To Increase Funding for the St. Croix International Waterway Commission

[Read the Submission and Signup Guidelines](#)

If you are signing up to testify live, you do not have to submit written testimony.

Select file: No file chosen

... and/or enter testimony below:

Your first name:

Your last name:

Your city/town of residence OR organization you represent:

Your e-mail address:

Please confirm your e-mail address:

Phone Number: Your phone number will only be used to determine who you are if you must dial into the hearing

I would like to present my testimony live

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