In Ohio, you have the right to present in-person testimony for or against bills in Statehouse committees.

You can also submit written-only testimony (though in-person is strongly preferred if possible!).

This Wednesday, April 19th, at 4:00 pm, the Ohio Senate Workforce and Higher Education Committee will accept testimony against **SB 83, the HIGHER EDUCATION DESTRUCTION ACT.**

Want to testify against this bill? Follow this process:

**HOW TO SUBMIT TESTIMONY** (in-person OR written-only):

1.) **Write your testimony**
   - See **testimony template below.**

2.) **You also need to fill out a witness slip.**
   - You can copy/paste **this witness slip** into a new document and email it along with your testimony.
   - OR you can ask the committee chair’s office ([jake.dowling@ohiosenate.gov](mailto:jake.dowling@ohiosenate.gov)) for a witness slip. Fill it out and email it along with your testimony.

3.) **Email your testimony to the Committee Chair’s office** – whether you are testifying in-person or not.
   - Email it by 4:00 pm on **Tuesday, April 18th** to [jake.dowling@ohiosenate.gov](mailto:jake.dowling@ohiosenate.gov)

   (If you’re submitting written-only testimony, that’s it! You’re done! You officially testified written-only. If you’re testifying in-person, see below.)

4.) **Arrive at the Statehouse before the committee is scheduled to begin.**
   - Park either in the garage underneath the Statehouse or the Columbus Commons Parking Garage.
   - Note: you’ll need to go through a metal detector when you arrive.
   - You can ask the security guards to direct you to the committee room where your hearing is being held.

5.) **Bring a printed copy of your testimony with you** to read in front of the committee (You do not have to read your testimony word for word).

6.) **You may also want to bring copies to hand to reporters** – you can contact reporters ahead of time to let them know you (and your group) will be testifying!
   - [https://twitter.com/i/lists/1109105805679362048](https://twitter.com/i/lists/1109105805679362048)

**TESTIMONY TEMPLATE:**

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**Ohio SB 83 Committee Testimony Template**

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Chairman Cirino, Vice Chair Rulli, Ranking Member Ingram, and members of the Senate Workforce and Higher Education Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is ________. I am [basic bio about who you are]. I am strongly opposed to Senate Bill 83 and its companion bill in the Ohio House.

[Then tell them why! Make it short and sweet - a few paragraphs is perfect. Tell a personal story. Or explain why your job experience gives you this perspective on the bill. Maybe cite some statistics or case studies to back up your claims]

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote NO on this [harmful/dangerous/important/life-saving/etc.] bill. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

I will now take any questions you may have.

AFTER YOU ARE FINISHED SPEAKING:

Legislators may ask you questions. They are more likely to ask questions if you provide data/statistics or present yourself as having professional experience related to the bill. This can be awesome! But be prepared to back up your testimony!

After each question, try to start your response with “Chairman, Representative…”