WANT TO TESTIFY?

All bill hearings will be held in person with a virtual oral testimony option (via Zoom) and streamed live on YouTube.

Oral testimony sign-up and written testimony (must be a PDF document) are submitted using MyMGA on the Maryland General Assembly website home page (see icon on the upper right corner of the home page). MyMGA works best on Chrome or Microsoft Edge browsers; the Safari browser is best for Apple devices. Other browsers might kick you out of the system.

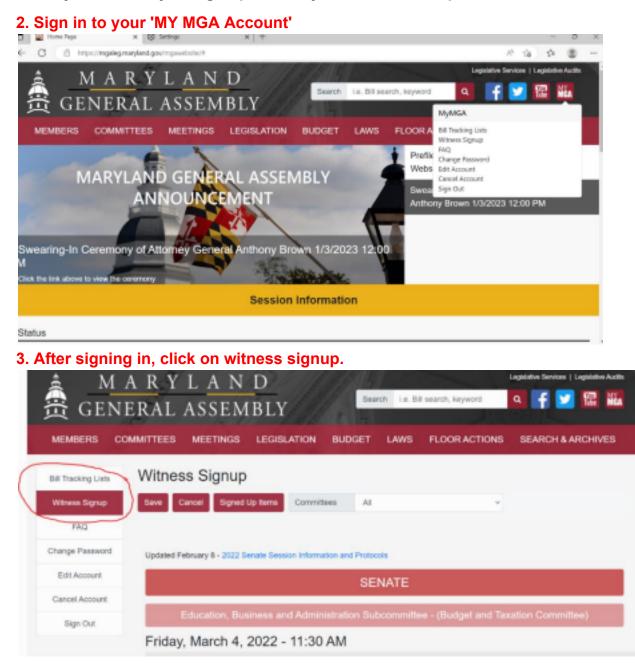
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The following chart details sign up and written testimony submission timing:

Hearing is on a	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
You must sign up to testify and/or submit written testimony on	The previous Thursday from 8:00am-6:00pm	The previous Friday from 8:00am-6:00pm	The previous Monday from 8:00am-6:00pm	The previous Tuesday from 8:00am-6:00pm	The previous Wednesday from 8:00am-6:00pm
If a virtual witness, Zoom link emailed to you	Previous Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday

To testify in favor of HB202, sign up on Friday, January 17th between 8am-6pmEST for the Judiciary Committee.

When you are ready to sign up to testify, follow these steps:



4. Scroll down to the appropriate committee, day, and time – House Judiciary, Tuesday, January 21st at 1pm.

TIPS FOR TESTIMONY

• Written testimony.

- A PDF format for written testimony.

- Describe why you like the bill, and feel free to use suggested talking points.

- At the very least, you can select FAV, which will act as your testimony.

• Oral Testimony in person or via Zoom.

- Each witness will generally have a time limit of 2 minutes. However, the time limit may be reduced to 1 minute if there are many witnesses.

- Sign in to Zoom live for the hearing.

- Come to Annapolis in person – *while the committee begins at 1pm, HB202 may be heard anytime between 1pm and 5pm* – this is subject to the number of bills that day and the order in which they are being presented. - Describe why you like the bill, and feel free to use suggested talking points.

You can also Send one email to all of the committee members where the bill will be heard and let them know your thoughts on the bill.
Describe why you like the bill, and feel free to use suggested talking points.

5. Click on the box to the left of HB202, fill in the organization box, fill in your position FAV, and fill in the testimony with either oral or written or simply FAV, if written - upload a PDF file to the right of the testimony box, then hit the SAVE icon in the top left.

After the Committee votes on a bill and is on second reader, the testimony can be found on the MGA website on each bill's history page under "Witness List." Testimony for bills not voted on can be found on the MGA website on each bill's history page after the session ends.

If you should have any questions or issues with the sign-up system, please do not hesitate to reach out to my staff at 410-841-3289 or ryan.nawrocki@house.state.md.us