



THE TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR SPEAKING TO YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

1	Thou shalt not lie to thy legislators.
2	Thou shalt not forget to thank thy legislators for their help.
3	Thou shalt not ignore thy legislators between sessions.
4	Thou shalt not be hypercritical of thy legislator's voting on any bill.
5	Thou shalt not hesitate to praise thy legislators publicly for their good works.
6	Thou shalt not insist thy legislators desert their party on any important policy.
7	Thou shalt not fail to recognize the importance of thy legislator's office.
8	Thou shalt not forget thy legislators too hath problems and sometimes needeth assistance in their day.
9	Thou shalt not become completely partisan.
10	Thou shalt not insult or nitpick thy legislators or their actions

See page 2 for more important speaking tips!



TIPS FOR ATTENDING AND SPEAKING AT THE HEARING

Do your Homework:

- Know Your Representatives and Familiarize Yourself with their Votes / Positions on Relevant Issues
- Write Your Speech
- Practice Your Speech Before Speaking

Preparation:

- Dress Professionally. Business Attire is Preferred.
- Present an Overall Clean and Professional Appearance.
- **Bring your Passion but Leave Your Anger and Negative Emotions at the Door.**
- **Do Not Bring anything with you that would hold you up in Security.** (No weapons, items that could be used as or perceived as weapons, pepper spray, etc.)

Arrive Early:

- Arrive at the Capitol Complex 30-45 minutes ahead of time to find adequate parking and walk to the Capitol Building
- Enter the House of Representatives Building
- Go Through Security
- The Front Desk Will Direct You to the Hearing Room (HHR3)

Sixty Seconds to Mic Drop:

- Be Professional, but Assertive and Get to the Point
- If You Agree with Previous Speakers, Say So, but Try Not to Repeat What They Said
- Briefly Introduce Yourself – Name, Business Name, City
- Identify Your Association
- Choose 1-2 Talking Points Maximum
- Stay On Message
- Make the Ask – Vote No on HB2169
- Thank Your Reps for Their Time
- Welcome Questions
- Stay at the Podium to Answer Any Questions until Dismissed

After The Hearing:

- Send a Thank You Note to Your Representatives