

Oppose SB30 — Guide to Public Testimony

Talking Points & 1-Minute Examples

IMPORTANT REMINDER

- You only have **ONE (1) minute** to testify (about **120–150 words**)
 - Practice ahead of time and **time yourself**
 - Calm, respectful, and concise testimony is the most effective
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GOAL OF TESTIMONY

Oppose SB30 by emphasizing:

- Transparency and accountability in government
- The importance of public health data and oversight
- How lack of reporting harms women by hiding risks and outcomes
- That privacy can be protected **without eliminating accountability**
- Responsible governance when serious medical procedures — and life — are involved

SB30 eliminates abortion reporting and removes basic oversight from state law.

KEY TALKING POINTS (Choose 2–3)

You do **not** need to cover everything. Pick what resonates most with you.

- SB30 repeals New Mexico’s only abortion reporting requirement
 - Reporting laws protect privacy while providing aggregate public health data
 - Without reporting, lawmakers cannot evaluate policy impacts or health risks
 - Eliminating data does not protect women — it makes harm invisible
 - No other medical procedure is exempt from basic reporting and oversight
 - Transparency is essential for public trust and responsible governance
 - When life is involved, accountability should be the minimum standard
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WHAT TO AVOID

- Shouting, attacking, or accusing lawmakers or providers
- Graphic or inflammatory language
- Long personal stories that exceed the time limit
- Complex legal or medical arguments
- Debating ideology instead of governance

SAMPLE 1-MINUTE TESTIMONY #1 — Accountability & Governance

“Good afternoon, Chair and members of the committee.

My name is ____, and I’m from ____.

I’m here to oppose SB30 because it eliminates New Mexico’s only requirement for abortion reporting. Regardless of where someone stands on abortion, government should not remove transparency or oversight from serious medical procedures.

Reporting laws do not include personal information. They exist so the state can understand trends, risks, and outcomes. Without data, lawmakers are asked to govern blindly, and women are left invisible in the system.

Privacy can be protected without eliminating accountability. SB30 goes too far by erasing oversight entirely.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to vote no on SB30. Thank you.”

SAMPLE 1-MINUTE TESTIMONY #2 — Women & Public Health Focus

“Chair and members, thank you for the opportunity to speak.

My name is ____.

I oppose SB30 because eliminating abortion reporting harms women rather than protecting them. When complications, trends, or risks are not tracked, problems cannot be identified or addressed.

Public health decisions require data. SB30 removes that data and creates a blind spot in state oversight. Reporting can be done responsibly and privately — as it is with many other sensitive medical issues.

This bill does not improve healthcare or transparency. It removes both.

I respectfully ask you to oppose SB30. Thank you for your time.”

SAMPLE 1-MINUTE TESTIMONY #3 — Moral + Measured

“Good afternoon, members of the committee.

My name is ____.

I oppose SB30 because when life is involved, accountability should be the minimum standard. This bill removes abortion reporting entirely, treating it as unworthy of oversight.

Even aside from moral concerns, good governance requires transparency. Lawmakers and the public deserve to understand the impact of major policies — not be shielded from the data.

SB30 replaces accountability with silence, and that should concern all of us.

I urge you to vote no on SB30. Thank you.”

FINAL TIP

Write your testimony out, Read it aloud, Time yourself. If it’s over a minute, **cut it down — shorter is stronger**