

Support SB 1 — 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

Support SB 1 by emphasizing:

- Improved access to health care for New Mexico families
- Faster licensure for qualified physicians
- Preservation of state authority and high standards
- Transparency, accountability, and built-in safeguards

SB 1 modernizes licensure without lowering standards or giving up state control.

KEY TALKING POINTS (Choose 2–3)

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

- SB 1 improves access to doctors, especially in rural and underserved areas
 - It creates an expedited pathway, not a shortcut
 - New Mexico retains full licensing and disciplinary authority
 - Participation is voluntary—no physician or employer is forced
 - Transparency requirements ensure public accountability
 - A contingent repeal protects New Mexico law if conflicts ever arise
 - This is a pro-patient, commonsense workforce bill
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WHAT TO AVOID

- Attacking lawmakers or agencies
- Technical or legal jargon
- Culture-war language or assumptions
- Speculating about extreme hypotheticals

- Long personal stories that exceed the time limit

Tone matters. Confident and measured testimony carries more weight.

SAMPLE 1-MINUTE TESTIMONY #1 — Community / Family Perspective

“Good afternoon, Chair and members of the committee.

My name is ____, and I’m here today in support of SB 1.

SB 1 is a practical solution to a real problem—access to health care. Families across New Mexico, especially in rural areas, struggle to see a doctor in a timely manner. This bill helps address that by reducing unnecessary licensing delays for highly qualified physicians.

Importantly, SB 1 does not lower standards or give up state authority. New Mexico keeps full control over licensure, discipline, and patient protections. The compact simply makes the process more efficient.

SB 1 is pro-patient, responsible, and forward-thinking. I respectfully urge you to support SB 1. Thank you.”

SAMPLE 1-MINUTE TESTIMONY #2 — Health Care / Workforce Focus

“Chair and members of the committee, thank you.

My name is ____, and I support SB 1.

This bill modernizes medical licensure while keeping New Mexico’s high standards firmly in place. Physicians who use the compact must already meet rigorous requirements and remain fully accountable to our state medical board.

SB 1 helps attract and retain doctors, strengthens our health care workforce, and improves access to care—without mandates or loss of oversight. It also includes transparency requirements and a clear repeal mechanism if conflicts ever arise.

This is a thoughtful, balanced bill that benefits patients and communities statewide. I urge a yes vote on SB 1. Thank you.”

SAMPLE 1-MINUTE TESTIMONY #3 — Short & Direct

“Good afternoon, members of the committee.

My name is ____.

I’m here to support SB 1 because it improves access to health care while preserving New Mexico’s authority and patient protections. This bill does not lower standards—it streamlines a process for doctors who already meet them.

SB 1 is voluntary, transparent, and accountable. It helps families see a doctor sooner without sacrificing safety or oversight.

I respectfully ask you to vote yes on SB 1. Thank you for your time.”

 **FINAL TIP:** Write your testimony out, read it aloud, and time yourself. If it’s over a minute, cut it down—shorter is stronger.