

Support HB 193 — Public Testimony Guide

Talking Points & 1-Minute Examples

IMPORTANT REMINDER

You only have ONE (1) minute to testify (*that's about 120-150 words*).

- Practice ahead of time and time yourself.
 - Calm, respectful, and concise testimony is the most effective.
 - You do not need to be an expert — personal impact matters
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GOAL OF TESTIMONY

Support **HB 193** by emphasizing:

- Educational opportunity for low-income families
- Parent choice and empowerment
- Strong accountability and transparency
- No tax increases and no cuts to public schools
- Commonsense solutions—not mandates

HB 193 expands opportunity without raising taxes or harming public education.

KEY TALKING POINTS (Choose 2–3)

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

- HB 193 helps low-income families access educational options
 - Parents—not systems—know what works best for their children
 - Scholarships are privately funded, not taxpayer funded
 - No money is taken from public schools
 - Strong accountability and audit requirements protect against abuse
 - Donors cannot choose scholarship recipients
 - This bill is targeted, responsible, and voluntary
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WHAT TO AVOID

- Attacking public schools or educators
- Emotional or confrontational language
- Long personal stories that exceed the time limit

- Debating extreme hypotheticals
- Framing this as “public vs. private schools”

Tone matters. Calm confidence carries weight.

SAMPLE 1-MINUTE TESTIMONY #1 — Parent Perspective

“Good afternoon, Chair and members of the committee.

My name is ____, and I’m a parent from ____.

I’m here in support of HB 193 because it expands educational opportunity for families like mine—without raising taxes or cutting public school funding.

Every child learns differently, and parents know when a school environment isn’t the right fit. HB 193 helps low-income families access options that are already available to families with financial means.

This bill is responsibly designed. It’s privately funded, includes strong accountability, and puts decisions back in the hands of parents—not bureaucracy.

HB 193 empowers families while respecting taxpayers, and I respectfully urge you to vote yes. Thank you for your time.”

SAMPLE 1-MINUTE TESTIMONY #2 — Community Member / Taxpayer Perspective

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

My name is ____, and I’m here to support HB 193.

This bill is a commonsense approach to expanding opportunity without expanding government. It allows private individuals and businesses to invest in students through scholarships, while requiring transparency, audits, and public reporting.

HB 193 doesn’t take money from public schools, and it doesn’t mandate participation. It simply helps low-income families access educational options that work for their children.

That’s responsible policy and good stewardship. I urge you to support HB 193. Thank you.”

SAMPLE 1-MINUTE TESTIMONY #3 — Short & Direct

“Chair and members, thank you.

My name is ____.

I support HB 193 because it gives low-income families access to educational opportunity without raising taxes or reducing public school funding.

This bill is privately funded, accountable, and parent-driven. It’s targeted to students who need options the most and includes safeguards to prevent abuse.

HB 193 is a thoughtful, responsible step forward, and I respectfully ask you to vote yes. Thank you.”

FINAL TIP

Write your testimony out, read it aloud, and time yourself.

If it’s over one minute, cut it down — shorter is stronger, clearer, and more effective.