

# DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION

*Through community action*

## GROUND RULES

This Civil Society Field Hearing is a public gathering organized by members of your community to deliberate an issue of local and national concern. It is a curated event, not an open mic audience discussion.

Title of Event: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This event is to provide testimony and discourse between witnesses and the moderator(s).

You can also invite discussants such as a member of Congress or staff, a former Member of Congress, a retired Judge, etc.

Dialogue, criticism, and objection between the moderator and witness are part of productive discourse, but please remember that constructive criticism keeps the conversation going.

- The Civil Society Field Hearing is not a debate.
- Be intentional
- Stay on topic
- Refrain from broad political generalizations or labels.
- Avoid assigning intentions, beliefs, or motives
- Speak for yourself.
- Distinguish between Facts and Opinion
- Be respectful

Civil Society Field Hearings are a curated form of discourse and don't have open Q and A. Still,

members of the audience may want to share a story or testimony of their recent experience. Please direct them to [Contact@ConstitutionalDefense.US](mailto:Contact@ConstitutionalDefense.US) to submit this information.