

WRITTEN TESTIMONY OUTLINE

Name of Chair of the Senate or House Committee
Name of Vice-Chair of the Senate or House Committee
Name of the Senate or House Committee

Your Name

Name of Group or Organization you represent (if any)

A contact number or address (Note: The general public may see this information.
You are NOT obligated to include this information.)

Day and date of hearing

Your position on the measure and the bill number

Body of Testimony

The body of your testimony should contain three main components and ideally be no more than a page long. Fact sheets are also good to include with written testimony.

I. Introduction:

- Introduce who you are and/or the group or organization you represent (if any);
- State the measure you are testifying on; and
- State your position on the measure

II. Content:

- State or list the reasons for taking your position; starting with the most important or compelling reasons. Include any facts, figures, statements, or experiences to support your position.

III. Closing:

- Include any closing remarks or summation of your testimony
- Reiterate your position on the measure
- Thank the Committee for the opportunity to testify

SAMPLE WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Senator Jane Doe, Chair
Senator John Doe, Vice-Chair
Committee on Environment & Food

Terri Hurst, MSW
303-407-2031

Thursday, January 1, 2009

Support of SB09-XXX, Relating to Tomato Soup

As an advocate for those who love soup, I have spent the past 15 years serving soup to both visitors and residents of Colorado. That is why I am here today to express my support for SB09-XXX, Relating to Tomato Soup, which would provide free tomato soup to anyone who enters Colorado.

People love soup and it is one of the top ten comfort foods according to Cooking Light. When people enter Colorado, especially during winter months, it would be appropriate to offer them a warm cup of tomato soup at our welcome stations. Currently, our state only offers coffee upon arrival and I feel this is a disservice to our visitors. Coloradans are a welcoming bunch. In fact, Denver was listed as one of the friendliest city in America by MSNBC in 2008. Offering tomato soup would not only entice visitors to our state, but it would also provide people with a warm and tasty memory of their visit.

In closing, Colorado is dependent upon tourism and offering tomato soup would be a great addition to helping ensure our state thrives. Therefore, I urge the committee to pass SB09-XXX. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.