







Thank you!







- 1. What is a witness slip?
- 2. Who can file a witness slip?
- 3. What do I need to know to fill out a witness slip?







Advocacy

Definition of Advocacy

- Advocacy is when an individual or group aims to influence decisions within political, economic and social systems and institutions.
- Advocacy can be defined as public support for or recommendation of a particular cause or policy.







What is a Witness Slip?

- A witness slip is a short form that individuals and organizations can submit to demonstrate their support for or opposition to a specific bill.
- A witness slip can be filed for any bill scheduled for a hearing in the Illinois Senate or House Committee.







When Can I Submit a Witness Slip?

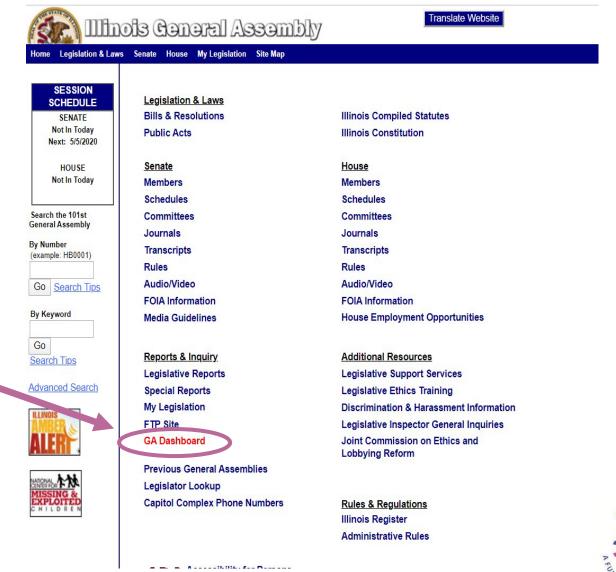
- Witness slips may only be filed one week before the scheduled hearing.
- You will need to submit a witness slip for each committee hearing. This
 means that if a bill is being discussed in two different committee hearings in
 the same week, you will need to submit a witness slip for both hearings.



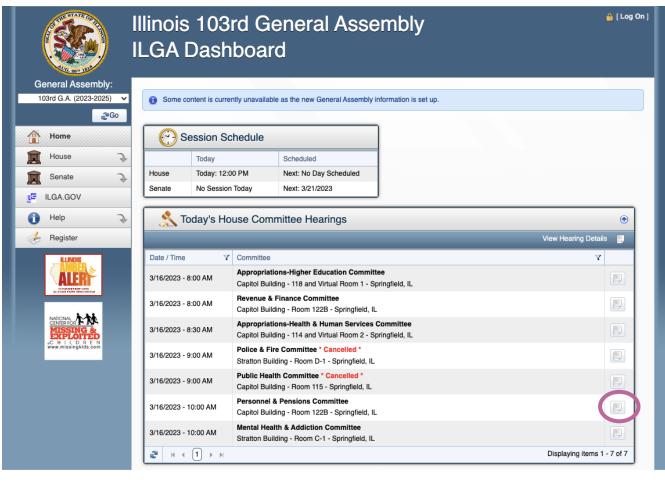




- <u>Ilga.gov</u>
- Select GA Dashboard
- You don't have to create an account if you don't want to





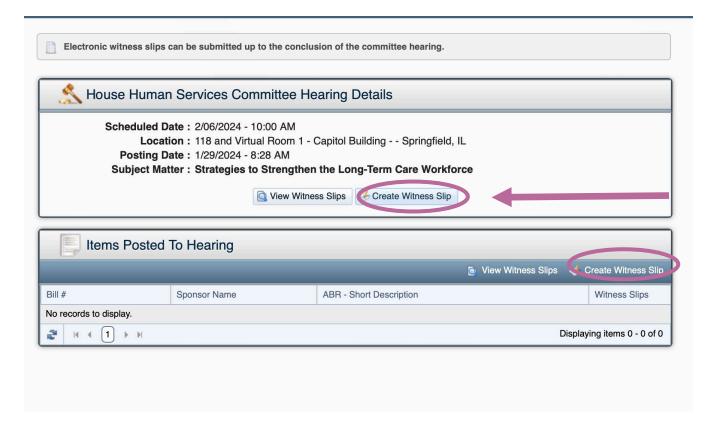


 Select the hearing you want to submit a witness list for and select the icon under "hearing details."

 You can sort by House and Senate committee hearings.





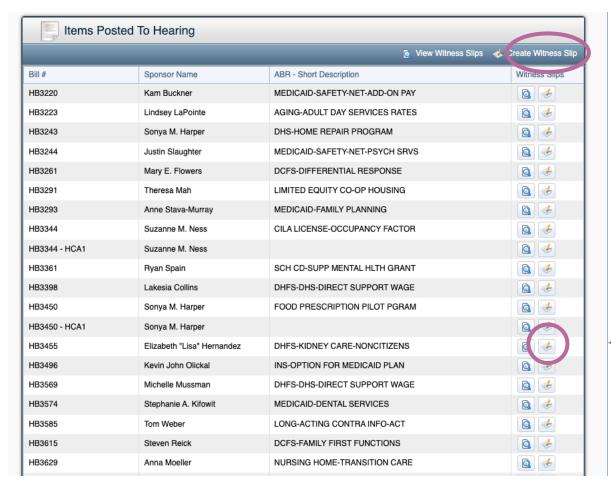


 Depending on the type of hearing you are filing a witness slip for, the option to select "Create Witness Slip" may be in different locations on the website.

Subject Only Committee Hearing







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Subject Matter with Legislation



I. IDENTIFICATION

- Name
- Address
- Title
 - How you identify yourself (e.g. selfadvocate)

- Firm/Business Agency
 - Only, use if you are registered as a lobbyist with that organization.
- Email and phone







II. REPRESENTATION

 If you are representing yourself and your opinion on the bill, write "self."

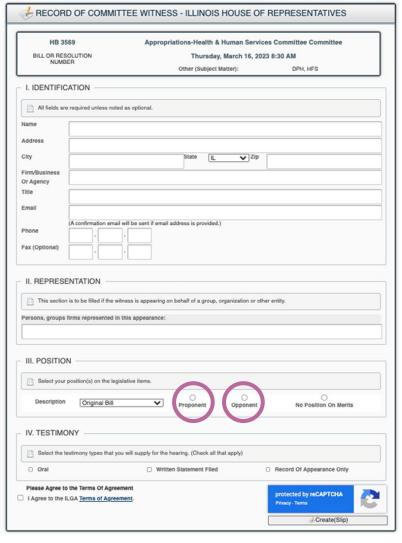






III. POSITION

- This is where you select your position in the bill
- Proponent means you like the bill and want it to pass
- Opponent means you are against the bill and don't want it to pass

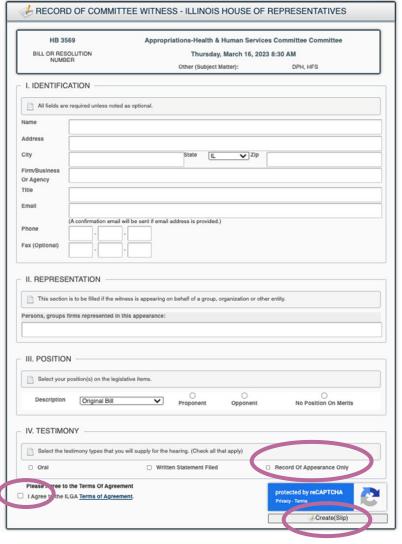






IV. TESTIMONY

- Check Box 'I agree to the ILGA Terms of Agreement'
- Select 'Record of Appearance only'
- Then click 'Create Slip'











HB 4832	Appropriations-Human Services Committee Committee
BILL OR RESOLU NUMBER	UTION Thursday, March 24, 2022 8:00 AM
TO MOLIN	Other (Subject Matter): Unavailable
_ I. IDENTIFICAT	TION —
All fields are required unless noted as optional.	
Name	Your Name
	Your Address
City	State IL VZIP
Firm/Business	Self
Of Agency	Self
	Your Email
(A)	confirmation email will be sent if email address is provided.)
	Your Phone Number
Fax (Optional)	
II. REPRESENTATION	
This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of a group, organization or other entity.	
Persons, groups firms represented in this appearance:	
Self	
Pick One	
III. POSITION	
Select your position(s) on the legislative items.	
Description	Original Bill Proponent Opponent No Position On Merits
IV. TESTIMONY	
Select the testimony types that you will supply for the hearing. (Check all that apply)	
□ Oral	□ Written Statement Filed □ Record Of Appearance Only
Please Agree to the Terms of Agreement Please Agree to the Terms of Agreement protected by reCAPTCHA	
Diagree to the ILGA Terms of Agreement Privacy - Terms	
	Create(Slip)

Tips and Tricks

- Contact the legislator's office and ask what the best way is to share your thoughts on a bill/issue (witness slip, email, meeting)
- Encourage friends, family, and coworkers to submit witness slips and share information with them about advocacy





Tips and Tricks

- Participate in Going Home Coalition
- Stay informed on upcoming bills and other advocacy through the Arc of Illinois weekly emails.
 - Newsletter Sign Up link:
 - https://www.thearcofil.org/take-action/sign-up-for-enewsletter/





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Who can file a witness slip?







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What do I need to know to fill out a witness slip?









What do I need to know to fill out a witness slip?

- The bill number for the bill you wish to file your witness slip on
- The date the bill is scheduled for hearing
- Your position on the bill









Speak Up and Speak Out!

Welcome to our advocacy initiative – where self-advocates are empowered to make their voices heard.

Our goal is to facilitate meetings between self-advocates and legislators – because **your voice matters** and **advocacy drives change**.

Feeling ready to set up a meeting with your legislator? Reach out to me:

Sabrina Wyman, Legislative Advocacy Coordinator, The Arc of Illinois Sabrina@thearcofil.org or 815-464-1832 ext 1016.







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Virtual August 9th-11th





Resources

Going Home Coalition Facebook Page

https://www.facebook.com/GoingHomeLifeintheCommunity/

Going Home Coalition Instagram Page

https://www.instagram.com/goinghomeillinois/

Going Home Coalition Webpage

https://www.goinghomeillinois.org/

Going Home Coalition Join Us

https://www.goinghomeillinois.org/join-us/





Resources

The Arc of Illinois Website

https://www.thearcofil.org/

The Arc of Illinois Newsletter

https://www.thearcofil.org/take-action/sign-up-for-enewsletter/

Recordings of Modules and Slide Decks





SPEAK UP SPEAK OUT summit



Thank you!







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