

TIPS ON TESTIFYING: PUBLIC COMMENT

Are you interested in giving public comment during the Senate Natural Resources Committee? Even if you've never testified before, here are some tips on what to do and examples of what to say. It's so important to share our stories—and we need you!

Best Practices & Other Information:

- You have **two minutes** in total to make a statement, though you are not required to use the entire time.
- Stay focused on your individual message. Personal attacks against other participants or members of the commission can result in you being asked to leave.

WHAT TO SAY

- Your comment should be focused on your personal story and what mining means to you:
 - Why are you proud to work in Nevada mining?
 - How does it benefit you, your family, and your community?
 - Briefly share where you work; your company's role in the supply chain; and how many people your company employs in Nevada.

SAMPLES

- **Mining provides me...**
 - "...with a rewarding career and steady income, especially in the challenging economic times we've been through in the last few years."
 - "...with the chance to support my community with *[a personal volunteer or contribution example.]*"
- **Mining provides to my community...**
 - "...good jobs locally and across the state."
 - "...resources for economic improvements such as parks, recreation, and small businesses."
- **I am proud that...**
 - "when our state was in a dark economic period, mining stepped up to provide a new revenue source for our K-12 students."
 - "...we mine the right way here in Nevada and take care of our land, water, air, and environment."

Conclusion Sample:

"As this committee goes about its work, I ask that you remember that the mining industry is not a bunch of faceless corporations. It is made up of thousands of hardworking Nevadans like me."

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