

Written Testimony in Support of the Face Surveillance Moratorium (H.1538/S.1385)

Length:

Ideal written testimony is between 1-3 pages.

Recipients:

Your testimony should go to the Chairs of the Joint Judiciary Committee.

State Representative Claire D. Cronin
House Chair, Joint Committee on the Judiciary
State House Room 136
Boston, MA 02133

State Senator James B. Eldridge
Senate Chair, Joint Committee on the Judiciary
State House Room 511-C
Boston, MA 02133

Sample testimony:

If you are having trouble getting started or want to use a template, we have provided one for you [here](#). You can easily adapt this sample for you or your organization.

Submit by email:

Once you are finished writing your testimony, send it to the Committee Chairs:

Claire.Cronin@mahouse.gov
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If you want, you can copy the other committee members. Find their emails [here](#).

Send us a copy:

Please send a copy to our Technology and Civil Liberties Policy Counsel, Emiliano Falcon at efalcon@aclum.org.

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Keep it short.

You will only have three minutes to read your testimony before the Joint Committee on the Judiciary. The Committee will cut you off after three minutes, so we recommend practicing to make sure you keep within your allotted time.

Three minutes is usually around 300 words. If you have more to say than can be conveyed in three minutes, you can address additional points in written testimony.

Greet the Committee.

Open your remarks by addressing Chairwoman Cronin, Chairman Eldridge, and members of the Committee. Thank them for taking the time to hear your testimony. Introduce yourself and your institutional affiliation, if any.

Clearly state your position.

Start your testimony by stating that you are here to testify in support of H.1538/S.1385.

Make it personal.

What unique perspective do you bring to the table? Share what aspects of your experience or identity motivate you to testify today (e.g., tech expert, educator, civil rights advocate, person of faith) and any personal stories or perspective that you think would be compelling.

Questions from the Committee.

When you conclude your remarks, members of the Committee may ask you follow-up questions. Don't try to answer any questions you don't know the answer to. You can offer to try to get more information for the legislator and provide it later. Keep it positive and avoid arguing with or criticizing legislators who have different views.

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