



### Tips for Submitting Testimony on FY 2024-25 Budget

- **Be specific**  
Submitting testimony on H.B. No. 6659 AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2025, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR. (Higher Education Agencies). Also, include personal details – Name, town, occupation, why you support UConn
- **Be concise**  
Make a few simple points. Testimony is best kept to a page or two unless you are a subject matter expert.
- **Be civil and polite**  
Professionalism goes a long way in the political process. Ask for support and give your reasons why. Don't insult or demean.
- **Request a response**  
It is important to start a dialogue

### Testimony Template

Chairperson Osten, Chairperson Walker and members of the Appropriations Committee, my name is XXXX XXXXX and I am from (city/town). Thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. No. 6659 AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2025, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR. (Higher Education Agencies). I submit this testimony in support of adding \$160 million in funding for UConn & UConn Health in FY 24 and \$197 million in FY25.

If enacted as proposed, the governor's budget would leave the university (both UConn and UConn Health) with a shortfall of \$159.6 million next year and \$197.1 million the following year compared to the University's budget request. This devastating cut would threaten academic quality as well as UConn & UConn Health's ability to drive Connecticut's economy.

*Insert your reasons for supporting UConn here  
(UConn Strong website has additional facts on the impact of the Governor's proposed budget).*

Thanks again for the opportunity to testify on this critical matter.