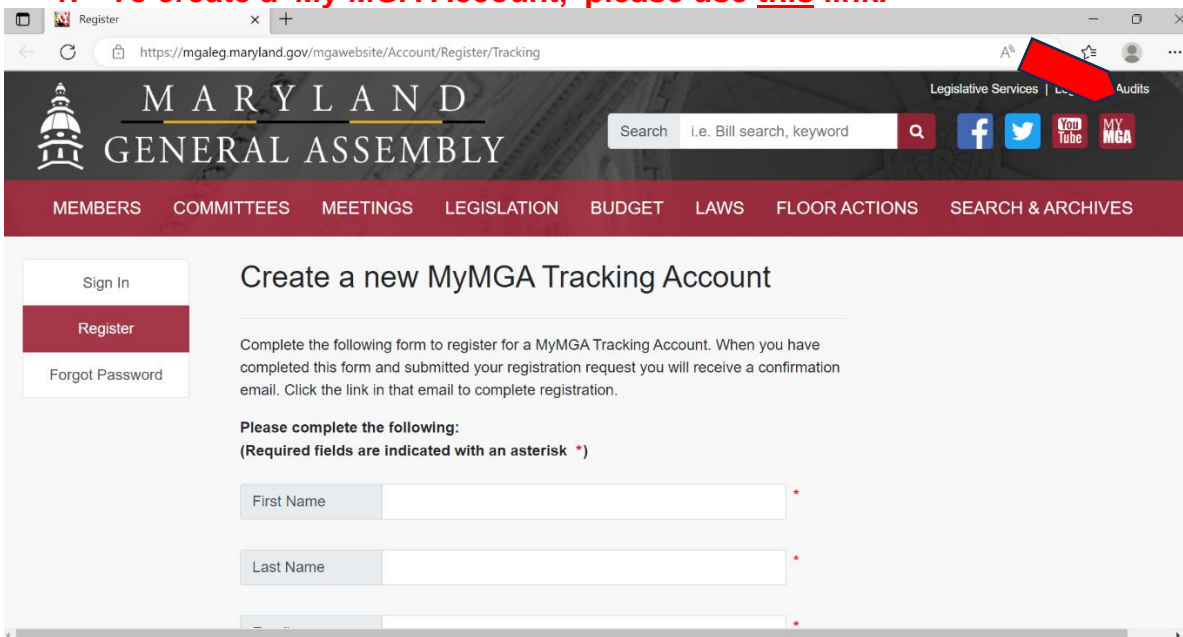


## WANT TO TESTIFY?

All bill hearings will be held in-person with a virtual oral testimony option (via Zoom) and streamed live on YouTube.

**Oral** testimony sign up and **written** testimony (must be a PDF document) submission is done using **MyMGA** on the [Maryland General Assembly website](https://mgaleg.maryland.gov) home page (see icon on the upper right corner of home page). MyMGA works best on Chrome or Microsoft Edge browsers; for Apple devices the Safari browser is best. Other browsers might kick you out of the system.

**1. To create a 'My MGA Account,' please use [this link](#).**



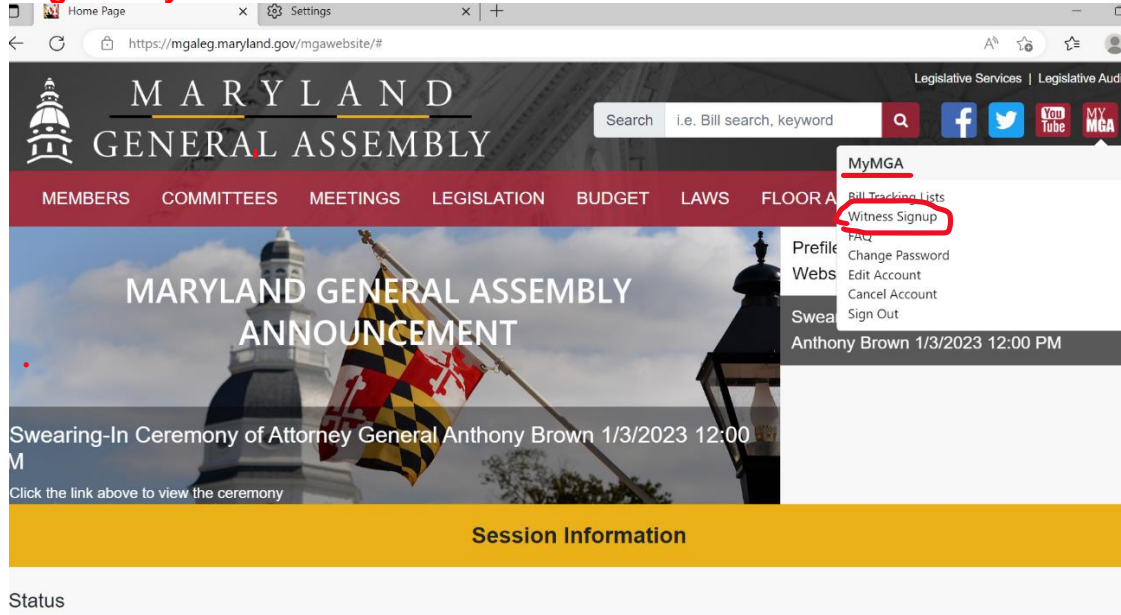
**The following chart details sign up and written testimony submission timing:**

Hearing is on a	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>You must sign up to testify and/or submit written testimony on </b>	The previous Thursday from 8:00am-6:00pm	The previous Friday from 8:00am-6:00pm	The previous Monday from 8:00am-6:00pm	The previous Tuesday from 8:00am-6:00pm	The previous Wednesday from 8:00am-6:00pm
<b>If a virtual witness, Zoom link emailed to you </b>	Previous Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday

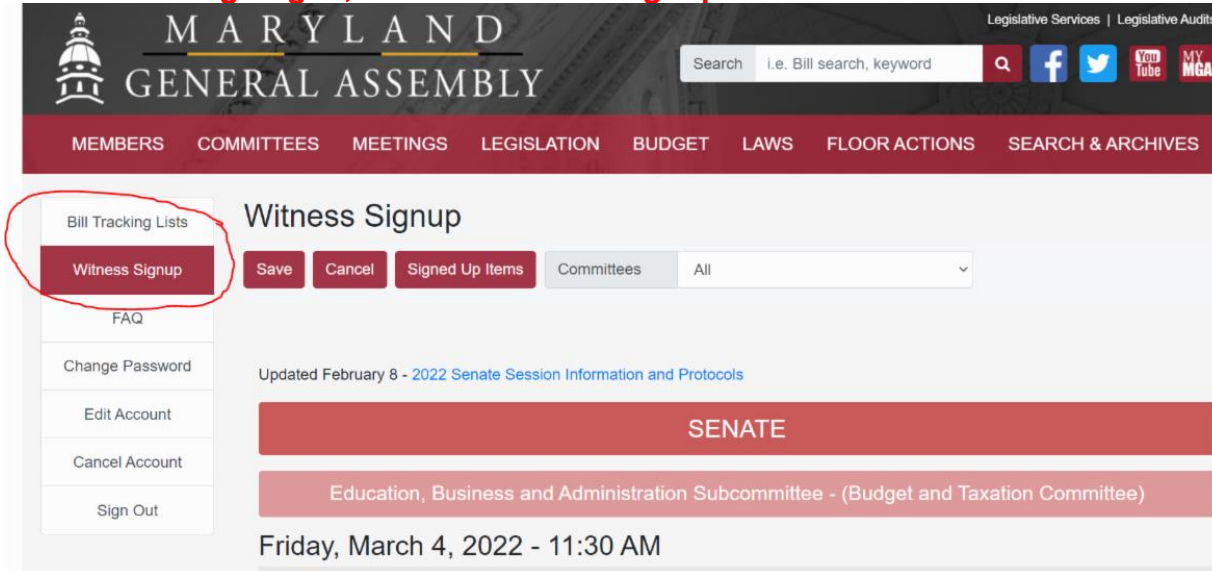
**To testify in favor of HB47, sign up on Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup> between 8am-6pmEST for the House Ways and Means Committee.**

When you are ready to sign up to testify follow these steps:

**2. Sign into your 'MY MGA Account'**



**3. After signing in, click on witness signup.**



**4. Scroll down to the appropriate committee, day, and time – House Ways and Means, Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 1pm.**

**TIPS FOR TESTIMONY**

- Written testimony.
    - A PDF format for written testimony.
    - Describe why you like the bill and feel free to use suggested talking points.
    - At the very least you can just select FAV and that will act as your testimony.
  
  - Oral Testimony in person or via Zoom.
    - Each witness will generally have a time limit of 2 minutes. However, if there are many witnesses, the time limit may be reduced to 1 minute.
    - Sign into Zoom live for the hearing.
    - Come to Annapolis in person – *while the committee begins at 1pm, HB47 may be heard anytime between 1pm and 5pm* – this is subject to the number of bills that day and the order in which they are being presented.
    - Describe why you like the bill and feel free to use suggested talking points.
  
  - You can also Send one email to all of the committee members where the bill will be heard and let them know your thoughts on a bill.
    - Describe why you like the bill and feel free to use suggested talking points.
- 5. Click on box to the left of HB47, fill in the organization box, fill in your position FAV, fill in the testimony with either oral or written or simply FAV, if written - upload PDF file to the right of testimony box, then hit the SAVE icon in the top left.**

After the Committee votes on a bill and is on second reader, the testimony can be found on the MGA website on each bill's history page under "Witness List." Testimony for bills not voted on can be found on the MGA website on each bill's history page after session ends.

If you should have any questions or issues with the sign-up system, please do not hesitate to reach out to my staff at 410-841-3698 or [Kathy.Szeliga@house.state.md.us](mailto:Kathy.Szeliga@house.state.md.us)