



In-state Tuition Hearing Guide

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The premise behind this "I am Texas" sticker is so you all can highlight all the amazing qualities that in state tuition students/ DREAMers possess and let the elected officials know that it is people like these students who make Texas great. Example: Some of the Elected Officials will try to say that they are trying to uphold Texas values of law etc etc. You can tell them that you are trying to uphold Texas values too by being tenacious in your careers, contributing to the Texas economy and way of life.

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Talking Points:

All children are vital to the Texas economy and to our communities.

- All children deserve the chance for higher education. Under H.B. 1403, undocumented students in Texas receive the same in-state tuition eligibility that any other Texas citizen receives: **no preferential treatment**.
- Every dollar invested in Texas' higher education system returns \$5 or more to the Texas economy.
- A RAND study showed that a 3% increase in the college completion rate by Latinos would increase Social Security and Medicare contributions by \$600 million.
- Money paid by these students who are attending college actually increases school revenues because it represents income that would not otherwise be there, given that 72% of students admitted under H.B. 1403 attend community colleges, which have a larger enrollment capacity.
- With the help of immigrants, Texas has added over 1.7 million jobs in the last decade, and our unemployment rate is below 5%.
- When Arizona repealed its in-state tuition legislation for immigrants in 2006, the University of Arizona had to pay out money to implement the changes; this was not a cost-saving measure.
- Limiting in-state tuition eligibility would send an unfriendly message to Texas Latinos and Latinas; that's not how we want to treat our communities, and it's not the spirit of Texas.

If this is your first time testifying:

1. Awesome! We need more people like you! So, next hearing, bring a friend!
2. Speak from the heart and tell your story in a good tone of voice.
3. **Speak up!** If they cannot hear you they will just ignore your testimony.



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