

Protocol for Public Testimony on Sales Tax Exemptions
November 12, 2009

- Public Testimony will be limited to: 1) Speak “for” a particular sales tax exemption(s)*, 2) Speak “against” a particular sales tax exemption(s), or 3) speak on sales tax exemptions in general.
* includes “exclusions” and “max taxes”
- The public is asked to limit their comments strictly to the topics listed above. Future meetings will be convened to solicit public input on various other matters related to tax policy and TRAC considerations.
- The public will also have an opportunity to “sign up” to speak on November 12, 2009. The same stipulations listed in this memo will apply.
- Presentations are limited to 5 minutes (not including possible questions from Commissioners).
- Due to time constraints, individuals, associations, lobbyists, etc., which plan to speak on the same exemption(s), are asked, where appropriate, to consolidate their presentations into one unified presentation. If multiple individuals, associations, lobbyists, etc., still request to be heard on the same exemption (and their positions are identical, i.e., each are “for”), the Commission reserves the right, where appropriate, to accept public testimony from just one, while accepting written testimony from the others.
- Presenters wishing to provide Commissioners a written copy of their public testimony should do so the day of, November 12, 2009, not before. Fifteen (15) copies should be provided. The Commission requests that presenters limit additional material beyond copies of their verbatim testimony to no more than three (3) pages, or six (6) pages if “two-sided”.
- Individuals, associations, lobbyists, etc., wishing to make a public presentation on November 12, 2009, as outlined above, are asked to notify Rena Grant (renagrantschouse.gov) in writing, or via email, **prior** to November 12, 2009, where possible. The request should identify the exclusion, exemption, or max tax to be discussed, and the position which will be advocated (“for” or “against”).