

How to Contact Your Legislator

Why do it?

Legislators represent people that span a myriad of needs and interests. Daily, they are faced with multiple issues from the budget, to schools, to healthcare, to safety. Legislators and their staff cannot be experts on every issue. Providing them with a clear, concise, and actionable position makes their job of representing your interests easier.

Your legislator works for you. When you contact them – they assume you speak for multiple people (i.e. voters) in their district.

Six Steps to a Great Email / Postcard / Phone call

Be Identified	Be Clear	Be Concise	Be Personal	Be Passionate	Be Respectful
Name + Zip Code + Relevant qualification	Clear yes/no stand on issue.	One issue per contact. Three paragraphs max.	Story about relevance to you.	Show you care.	Don't threaten or scream.
I am Vicki Voter, I live in 30318. I am a mother of three children	I am writing to express my support for Bill ##	Air pollution is harmful to little lungs. This bill would address that.	My children play outside daily.	I want them to love sports and being outside, and grow up healthy.	I appreciate your attention to this important issue. Thank you for your time.

What Happens Next

Legislators note your opinion and keep a running tally of “yes” vs. “no” opinions. Remember – your opinion might not sway your legislator this time. Policy making is a long-term solution. Contacting your legislators raises awareness about this issue and plants the seed toward incremental process.

Learn More & Find Your Legislator

Check out this website for more details and to find your legislator.



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