

CONTACT YOUR OFFICIALS

It is important for elected officials to hear from the people they represent. It helps them know when they are helping their communities and when they can do better. It can also bring issues to their attention.

WHEN YOU WRITE TO YOUR ELECTED OFFICIAL, ALWAYS:

1. Be respectful.
2. Be clear and to the point. They are busy people!
3. Spell their names correctly.
4. Thank them for their time and consideration.

Here is a sample letter you can use to help you craft a letter to your elected official.

Date [Month Day, Year]

Address [Mayor/Representative/Senator/Governor/President Name]

Dear [Mayor/Representative/Senator/Governor/President],

My name is [NAME], and I am writing to you from [TOWN] to share my concern about [ISSUE]. [ISSUE] is important to me because [HOW IT AFFECTS YOU*]. This is very important because it [WHY IT MATTERS*].

I hope that you can help find a solution to [ISSUE*]. I believe it will improve our [TOWN, STATE, COUNTRY].

Thank you for your attention and time.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

*You can expand on these sections to explain the problem and possible solutions.

PRACTICE WRITING TO YOUR OFFICIAL HERE:

Dear _____,

Thank you for your attention and time.

Sincerely,



Dear Mr. Mayor,

My name is Sofia Valdez. I am a second grader at Blue River Creek Elementary School. I am very concerned about the large trash heap in town. Abuelo was hurt yesterday at Mount Trashmore. I am worried that other people might get hurt, too. I believe that we could improve Blue River Creek by turning this dangerous mess into a park where everyone could gather and play. I have many ideas about the park and hope to share them with you. Thank you for all you do to help our community.

Sincerely,

Sofia Valdez

