

Write Letters or Emails to Elected Officials

What to include?

- Decide what elected official you want to write
- When introducing yourself include your address, so elected officials know you are a constituent.
- Explain to an official:
 - How a specific issue affects you or a group.
 - Express support for a proposed policy
 - Oppose a proposed policy
- Describe what action you hope the official will take
- Sign and send your letter or email



Example template

Dear Representative John Thompson,

My name is Dolly Stark, and I am from East Saint Paul. I'm writing to ask you to support policies that increase affordable, accessible housing options for people with disabilities.

For people with disabilities, especially those using a wheelchair, finding affordable, accessible housing in their communities is nearly impossible. Many are forced to turn to costly and isolating settings, instead of living in homes of their own. Housing developers and builders need more clarity around a shared definition of accessibility, as well as financial support to ensure they can include physically and sensory accessible spaces in housing projects.

Thank you for taking the time to read and respond to my email. Please think of my story when you're working on policy changes that increase affordable, accessible housing options for people with disabilities.

Sincerely,
Dolly Stark