

GUIDE TO WRITING A LETTER TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

1. START WITH YOUR NAME, AGE, CITY, AND DISTRICT. THEN SAY YOU WANT TO ADDRESS CHANGES TO BE MADE TO LEGISLATION/ POLICE FORCE.

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2. THE ISSUE

- STATE THE ISSUE AND EFFECTS
- SAY WHY IT SHOULD BE CHANGED
- STATE HOW YOU PLAN TO CHANGE IT*
- KEEP IT SHORT AND CONCISE

*IF YOU DON'T HAVE A SPECIFIC PLAN (THAT'S OK!) SAY WE NEED TO PUT MORE ATTENTION, FUNDING, OR ASK THEM TO TAKE LEADERSHIP INTO REFORMING IT

3. ENDING OF YOUR LETTER, MAKE IT COUNT!

USE STATISTICS TO SHOW HOW POLICE CAN PUT OUR LIVES IN DANGER OR ANY OF YOUR OWN WORDS. REMINDE THEM THAT THIS CAN HAPPEN IN OUR CITY AND HOW WE MUST TAKE ACTION BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!
IF YOU CAN VOTE SAY YOU WILL USE YOUR POWER OF VOTING TO HELP.

SOME TIPS!

- MAKE GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL AWARE OF ANY LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT CAN HELP THEM

ADDRESS ONE ISSUE PER LETTER, MORE EFFECTIVE

EVEN THOUGH YOUR LETTER SHOULD BE SHORT,

ADD THAT YOU ARE INTERESTED IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON YOUR PROPOSALS

THANK THEM FOR READING YOUR LETTER!

SOME IDEAS!

TALK ABOUT...

- FLASH-BANGS, TEAR GAS,
- RUBBER BULLETS
- ADVISING TO RECHECK
- COMPLAINTS ON OFFICERS
- (DO RESEARCH FIRST) HOW TO MANAGE FUNDING TOWARDS THE POLICE FORCE

SOURCES ABOUT THESE ISSUES:

- PREVENTION.COM – INFO ON BULLETS
- PRI.ORG – INFO ON TEAR GAS
- NPR.COM – INFO ON HOW TO FILE POLICE COMPLAINT

MORE SOURCES

- [UCSUSA.ORG](https://www.ucsusa.org)
- [USA.GOV](https://www.usa.gov)
- [SAMPLELETTERWORD.COM](https://www.sampleletterword.com)
- [MAPPINGPOLICEVIOLENCE.ORG](https://www.mappingpoliceviolence.org)
- [VITTANA.ORG](https://www.vittana.org)
- [JOINCAMPAIGNZERO.ORG](https://www.joincampaignzero.org)
- [JUSTICE.GOV](https://www.justice.gov)
- [GRASSROOTSLAW.ORG](https://www.grassrootslaw.org)