

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
USA.GOV
SAMPLELETTERWORD.COM
MAPPINGPOLICEVIOLENCE.ORG
VITTANA.ORG
JOINCAMPAIGNZERO.ORG
JUSTICE.GOV
GRASSROOTSLAW.ORG