

Letter Writing Toolkit

Write a Handwritten Letter to Your Legislator

Legislators need to hear from YOU on the importance of keeping abortion safe and accessible. One way to make your voice heard is by writing a handwritten note to your legislator, expressing your support for keeping abortion legal and explaining why this issue is important to you as a constituent.

You can find your legislator by clicking <u>here</u>. Once you're done writing, mail to this address:

<mark><Insert Legislator Name></mark> 200 W. Washington St. Indianapolis, IN 46204

<u>This letter should be in your own voice, expressing your personal thoughts</u>, but we've provided some example talking points below to help in crafting your note:

Introduction (identify yourself as a constituent and explain why this issue is important to you)

- My name is <<u>Insert Name></u> and I am a constituent from your district.
- I am writing to ask that you keep abortion safe and accessible.
- I care about this issue because <*insert personal thoughts>*
- This issue is important to me because <insert personal thoughts>

Legislative (explain the impact of this bill and how you would like your legislator to vote)

- Legislation that seeks to end access to safe abortions will put women's lives at risk across the State of Indiana.
- Please vote NO on any legislation restricting access to abortion.
- As your constituent, I am asking you to not support any legislation that restricts the right to decide if and when I become pregnant.

Statistics (optional, pick one or two to add to your letter if you have room)

- 88% of Hoosiers believe individuals should have the freedom to decide if and when to have children.
- 3 out of 5 Hoosiers know someone who has had an abortion.
- Only 14% of Hoosiers want to ban abortion entirely.
- 78% of Hoosiers oppose an all-out ban on abortion.

Closing (end your letter with an impactful sentence)

- Abortion bans don't end abortions. They end safe, accessible abortions.
- I'm with the majority of Hoosiers who believe that we should have equal access to safe, legal abortion.
- Whether we personally agree with abortion or not, these deeply personal decisions should be made in consultation with doctors and families.
- Everyone should be able to get the health care they need without political interference.
- Please keep abortion safe, legal, and accessible in our state.