

Example of Letter/Email to a Legislator

When you send a letter or email, select a topic to discuss. Below is a sample with some suggestions.

Date...

(Senator, Representative, other Officials):

As one of your constituents and a person of faith, I urge you to support comprehensive, equity-focused climate legislation that puts people and the planet before profit while working urgently to protect public health, the economy, and our environment for future generations.

In particular, I urge you to support:

- 1 Clean energy job growth and training, especially for economically disadvantaged communities, communities of color, communities impacted by pollution, and former fossil fuel workers;
- 2 Investment in the communities that have not historically benefited from the transition to clean energy including communities of color and communities reliant on fossil fuel industries;
- 3 A carbon-free power sector with declining caps on coal and gas and firm closure dates for fossil fuel plants;
- 4 100% clean renewable energy for the United States 2050;
- 5 The reduction of harmful gas and diesel pollution from the transportation sector by replacing dirty fossil fuel-powered vehicles with electric vehicles, mass transit, rail, and other alternatives; and
- 6 Policies that allow communities equal access to those making decisions about environmental pollution and policies that directly address the sources and cleanup of environmental toxins.

I urge you to prioritize environmental justice throughout the United States so our communities can access clean energy careers and build a healthier future. These changes would help mitigate floods and drought that we have seen in Illinois over the last few years.

(Your Name)

(Your Address, City, and State)