

Abortion Advocacy Letter to the Editor

Why write a Letter to the Editor?

A letter to the editor can spread awareness of issues that you're concerned about, as they reach a large readership in your local area. When it comes to state-based abortion advocacy, it will become increasingly more important to raise issues that are specific to *your* state. Provided below is an example of a letter to the editor that you can use, but you should not feel limited to the exact text. You can also include relevant details on things such as:

- The specific factors motivating you to fight for abortion rights
- Your personal abortion experience
- Your role as a professional (ex: abortion provider, doctor, abortion doula, volunteer at abortion fund or clinic, etc.)

If you respond to a specific article that was printed by the publisher, make sure you include the name of the article, its date of publication, and the name of the author. Be sure to follow all formatting guidelines specific to your local newspaper and adjust the following template accordingly.

Sample Letter to the Editor

Note: if you know there is specific legislation in your state, focus your letter on that!

Dear Editor,

The right to an abortion for all Americans has been stripped away by the Supreme Court, and the future of access to safe abortion across the USA is uncertain. There have been countless restrictions put in place by legislators across the country in an attempt to stop abortion: extreme gestational limits, bans on telehealth provision of medication abortion, medically unnecessary waiting periods, and restrictions on abortion providers, among others.

But here's the thing: *these restrictions do not stop abortions*, they just make them unsafe. When people cannot get safe and legal abortions, they will seek other means of terminating their pregnancy that can endanger their health. Legislators are putting countless lives at risk by implementing these abhorrent restrictions, and they are making it more difficult for people to access essential health care services.

Legislators in [STATE NAME] must act now to promote legislation that would protect abortion rights, and to protect the decisions of all their constituents who can get pregnant. Abortion is a safe and common medical procedure, and it is a human right. Americans themselves should determine what they do with their bodies- not lawmakers.

Sincerely,