

Abortion Rights 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(s)
- 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: This letter is response to a restrictive bill

Dear Editor,

The right to an abortion is at serious risk in [STATE NAME]. The state legislature recently introduced [BILL NAME AND NUMBER], which if passed [WHAT THE BILL DOES TO RESTRICT ABORTION]. Doctors across the country have already noted the negative impacts of abortion bans, and restricting access to reproductive healthcare in our state could have disastrous impacts on our communities.

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 trying to implement 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 stop [BILL NAME AND NUMBER] from being passed. 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,