



## National Organization for Women

### Letter to the Editor Template – Reproductive Rights

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Letters to the editor are great advocacy tools. After you call your members of Congress, sending letters to the editor can achieve other advocacy goals. They reach large audiences, are often monitored by elected officials, can bring up information not addressed in other news articles and create an impression of widespread support for (or opposition to) an issue.

Remember to keep it short and on one subject. Many newspapers have strict limits on the length of letters and have limited space to publish them. Keeping your letter brief will help assure that your important points are not cut out by the newspaper.

Here is a letter to the editor template to help you get started:

*Date*

*Local Newspaper Name*

*Editor's Name*

*Editor's Email Address*

Dear Editor,

I am writing in regards to the NAME OF ARTICLE. The recent attacks on abortion care have brought into sharp focus just how precarious reproductive freedom is today. The extreme and draconian restrictions that are proliferating in our state and others, including six-week bans, waiting periods, informed consent requirements, bans on public funding, and unnecessary clinic regulations, are designed to make abortion care inaccessible, especially for women living in under-resourced communities and women of color. At the same time, the U.S. still has the highest maternal death rates among developed countries. When women lack access to a complete range of affordable health services, the maternal and infant death rate rise.

I am a MEMBER/OFFICER of the STATE CHAPTER of the National Organization for Women, and our chapter members are organizing local actions [LINK TO YOUR WEBSITE] in opposition to the horrific abortion bans across the country. The fact is that 58% of women of reproductive age live in a state hostile to abortion rights and 24% of women in the U.S. will have an abortion by age 45. The vast majority of Americans support a woman's right to choose. Without access to safe and affordable women will be thrown back into the dark days of illegal and unsafe abortions that could lead to pain, suffering, loss of fertility and even death.

Abortion access is hanging by a thread, our state legislators must support affordable safe access to abortion care. The women of our state, and our country, deserve nothing less.

Sincerely,

*Name*

*Organization*

*Address*

*Email*

*Phone number*

*NOW CHAPTER WEBSITE*