



GUIDELINES FOR WRITING A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Writing a letter to the editor of your local or regional newspaper is a great way to get the attention of your elected officials and reach a larger audience in your community.

Here are a few tips for writing and submitting your letters to the editor:

- A letter to the editor should be about 150 to 200 words long. Each newspaper has different requirements, so make sure you check with their website for directions.
- Think about including a personal story that tells why you're passionate about this issue.
- Be prepared to make an ask. Ask your community to contact their elected officials and ask them what they're doing to end child detention. Your ask in your letter should be specific, within the 200-word limit. Write in a way that will encourage the elected official and any readers to take action.
- Many newspapers have a submission form on their website, so, look under the opinion section of the website and directions for how to submit a letter to the editor.