

# Write Letters/Legislation

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<p>ACLU</p>	<p><b>How to write a letter to the editor.</b></p>	<p><a href="https://www.aclu.org/other/tips-writing-letter-editor">https://www.aclu.org/other/tips-writing-letter-editor</a></p>
<p>Environmental America</p>	<p><b>Example Letter</b></p> <p><b>Submit a corporate advocacy letter to:</b></p> <p><a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/17VloJv5oKsEUN7Kz2WBai4V6Fc3dXJAhNtgN3FijPHU/edit">https://docs.google.com/document/d/17VloJv5oKsEUN7Kz2WBai4V6Fc3dXJAhNtgN3FijPHU/edit</a></p>	<p><a href="mailto:customer.care@wholefoods.com">customer.care@wholefoods.com</a></p>
<p>Beyond Plastics</p>	<p><a href="#">Help Stop Formosa Plastics</a></p> <p><a href="#">Tell Amazon: Stop Polluting Our Planet with Plastic</a></p> <p><a href="#">Make My Tea Plastic-Free</a></p> <p><a href="#">Ask Food Delivery Apps to “Hold the Plastic”</a></p> <p><a href="#">Ask Food Delivery Apps to “Hold the Plastic”</a></p> <p><a href="#">Join the Reuse Revolution</a></p> <p>10 simple strategies, switches and steps you can take to refuse single-use and get closer to zero waste.</p> <p><a href="#">Ask Your Store to Drop Single-Use Plastic</a></p> <p><a href="#">Ban Single-Use Plastic Water Bottle Sales at Port Authority Airports &amp; Bus Stations</a></p> <p><a href="#">Tell the 3 Biggest Plastic Polluters to STOP!</a></p> <p><a href="#">Report Stores Violating New York's Plastic Bag Ban</a></p>	<p><a href="https://www.beyondplastics.org/act">https://www.beyondplastics.org/act</a></p>
<p>Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act</p>	<p>The Action Network invites you to <a href="#">email your members of Congress now to urge them to co-sponsor the Act</a></p> <p><b>H.R.5845 - Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act of 2020</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.breakfreefromplastic.org/pollution-act/">https://www.breakfreefromplastic.org/pollution-act/</a></p> <p>Standing in stark contrast is the <a href="#">Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act</a>, which the Surfrider Foundation has helped to develop and actively supports. The Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act creates a comprehensive policy aimed at banning certain plastic products, instituting a national bottle bill, putting a temporary moratorium on new plastic plants, requiring post-consumer recycled content in some products, and—most importantly—creating an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program that would hold producers responsible for the cost of recycling or disposal of their products.</p>	<p><a href="https://bit.ly/CosponsorBFFPPA">https://bit.ly/CosponsorBFFPPA</a></p>

<p><b>Pass the Federal Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act! (All States)</b></p>	<p>The Surfrider Foundation is working closely with allies in the Capitol to reintroduce bold federal legislation to tackle the plastic pollution crisis. The legislation is entitled <u><a href="#">the Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act</a></u>.</p> <p>Every year, about 11 million metric tons of plastic waste escapes into the ocean from coastal nations. The United States generates the <u>most plastic waste per capita</u> of any country in the world and is among the top contributors to plastic pollution in the coastal environment, either illegally dumped in the U.S. or collected in the U.S. for recycling and exported to countries where it was inadequately managed. This bill recognizes that we cannot recycle our way out of this problem and provides a comprehensive approach to reduce plastic pollution, including policies to reduce unnecessary plastic packaging and shift responsibility to producers, as well as to improve recycling infrastructure.</p> <p>The reintroduced Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Require producers of packaging, containers, and food-service products to design, manage, finance waste and recycling programs.</li> <li>• Launch a nationwide beverage container refund program to bolster recycling rates.</li> <li>• Ban certain single-use plastic products that are not recyclable.</li> <li>• Ban single-use plastic carryout bags and place a fee on the distribution of the remaining carryout bags, which has proven successful at the state level.</li> <li>• Establish minimum recycled content requirements for beverage containers, packaging, and food-service products.</li> <li>• Channel massive investments in U.S. domestic recycling and composting infrastructure.</li> <li>• Prohibit plastic waste from being shipped to developing countries.</li> <li>• Protect state and local governments that enact more stringent standards.</li> <li>• Require EPA to partner with the National Academies of Science to conduct a comprehensive study on the environment and cumulative public health impacts of incinerators and plastic chemical recycling facilities.</li> <li>• Establish a temporary pause on permitting new and expanded plastic production facilities until the EPA creates and, as necessary, updates regulations on plastic production facilities to protect frontline and fence-line communities from direct and cumulative impacts on public health.</li> </ul> <p>Surfrider Foundation encourages our members and supporters to contact your federal elected officials and urge them to support the Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act.</p>	<p><b>Take Action</b></p>
<p><b>Tell the Biden Administration You Oppose New Oil &amp; Gas Drilling (All States)</b></p>	<p>The Department of Interior has invited the public to submit written comments on the future of oil and gas leasing on U.S. public lands and waters. Comments received will inform the agency's next steps on energy development and stewardship of public resources. Specifically, it will inform the next 5-year offshore drilling plan which the agency will begin work on later this year.</p> <p><b>Please tell the Department that you oppose new oil and gas drilling on public lands and waters!</b></p> <p>Fossil fuel development is a dirty and damaging practice that puts our natural environment and human communities at risk. Such development is also an environmental justice issue as communities of color are disproportionately impacted. Finally, new oil and gas leasing will exacerbate the effects of climate change as our nation and world struggle to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.</p>	<p><b>Take Action</b></p>

	<p>Now is the time to demand that our federal government boldly transition away from oil and energy sources!</p>	
<p><b>Increase Federal Funding for America's Failing Wastewater Infrastructure (All States)</b></p>	<p>To the surprise of many, our nation's beaches and ocean are plagued by <b>Take</b> of raw and untreated sewage. Much of our wastewater infrastructure is outdated and <b>Action</b> releasing harmful pollution into our waterways. Raw sewage threatens public health, coastal ecosystems and tourism-based ocean economies. Years of neglect have left our wastewater infrastructure vulnerable, and sea level rise and increasing coastal hazards associated with climate change only make the situation worse.</p> <p><b>Join Surfrider in calling on congress to allocate \$100 billion (\$10 billion annually over years) for the Clean Water SRF.</b></p> <p>EPA's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) provides assistance to states and local communities for wastewater infrastructure improvement projects, including green stormwater projects and necessary upgrades. However the Clean Water SRF hasn't been properly funded decades, despite the well-established economic returns and stimulus that occur from investing in America's water infrastructure (every \$1 in water infrastructure investment results in \$2.40 economic returns).</p> <p>A potential reconciliation bill, such as an economic stimulus infrastructure package, provides an important opportunity to catch up with the sewage infrastructure needs of our growing communities across the country, enhance infrastructure resilience for the future, better protect clean water for all people, and provide a much-needed boost to our local economies.</p>	