

Advocacy Email Templates for Allied Health Professionals

1. Email Template to a Professional Organization

Subject: Urgent: Protecting Allied Health Roles in School Settings

Dear [Organization Name or Contact Person],

I am writing as a [your profession – e.g., Speech-Language Pathologist / Occupational Therapist / Licensed Specialist in School Psychology] deeply concerned about the recent wave of job cuts affecting allied health professionals in school settings across the country.

In the past few weeks, I've seen contracts rescinded, roles eliminated, and caseloads increase — all before the school year has even started. These cuts not only impact our livelihoods as professionals but directly harm the students who rely on consistent, high-quality support services.

I respectfully urge [Organization Name] to take the following actions:

- Publicly advocate against school-based staffing reductions impacting SLPs, OTs, mental health providers, and related service providers
- Demand transparency from school districts on planned budget cuts that affect support personnel
- Provide clear guidance to members on how to respond when contracts are pulled unexpectedly
- Collaborate with legislators and education leaders to protect essential student services

We need bold, immediate action to ensure students continue to receive equitable care and clinicians receive fair treatment. I am proud to be a member of this profession — and I'm counting on [Organization Name] to stand with us in this moment.

Sincerely,

[Your Full Name]

[Credentials, if any]

[City, State]

[Optional: Member ID or affiliation]

2. Letter to Government Officials (State Rep, Education Agency, etc.)

Subject: Protect Allied Health Professionals in Public Education

Dear [Representative/Senator/Superintendent/Board Member's Name],

I am writing to express my concern regarding recent staffing reductions in public schools that are affecting critical allied health positions — including speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, mental health providers, and other support professionals.

These roles are not optional. They are legally required under IDEA and essential for students with disabilities, behavioral needs, and communication challenges.

By cutting these positions, school districts risk:

- Increased caseloads for remaining staff

- Fewer minutes of service for students
- Higher burnout and turnover rates
- Inequitable access to education for students with IEPs and 504 plans

I urge you to:

- Reassess education budget allocations with an emphasis on student support services
- Enforce accountability for federally funded positions
- Advocate for sustainable staffing solutions to protect both students and school-based professionals

Please do not allow vulnerable children to bear the burden of bureaucratic budget decisions.

Sincerely,

[Your Full Name]

[Your Profession or Role]

[City, State]

[Email Address] (optional)

[Phone Number] (optional)