

## Example Letter

### Body:

We are **[PROGRAM NAME]**, a therapeutic **[RESIDENTIAL/WILDERNESS]** treatment program in your district.

We belong to a membership association called The National Association of Therapeutic Schools and Programs (NATSAP), high-quality, ethical, and evidence-based therapeutic programs advocating for more oversight and higher safety standards within the field. NATSAP is advocating for federal legislation designed to hold every facility, in every state, to the same standards and federal oversight requiring all programs to have accreditation from a national behavioral health accrediting body.

The therapeutic school and programs universe is no stranger to crises. As many struggling teens and their families are helped and even saved by NATSAP-member programs, negative allegations seem to continue to grab consumer interest. That is why **we want to invite you to visit our program** to see first-hand that not all residential therapeutic programs are like these headlines. We hold our students' safety and health as our highest priority.

Residential and wilderness treatment are highly-qualified pieces of the larger mental health system. We strongly support responsible, effective programs and the universal adoption of federal oversight and best practices.

Please contact us at **[CONTACT PERSON AND INFORMATION]**, to schedule a visit. We are located at **[ADDRESS]**. We thank you for your time and look forward to hearing from you.