



Vote No August 2024 Letter To The Editor (LTE) Templates



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Title: Wisconsin Cares

Dear Editor:

I'm voting no on both constitutional amendment questions on Aug. 13, and I urge other members of [name of community] to do the same.

Whether you're from [place], [place], or anywhere else in this great state, there's one thing I know all Wisconsinites agree on: Stepping up to take care of our neighbors when disaster strikes. We expect our government to do the same with our tax dollars and provide quick relief to Wisconsinites in need.

However, some elected officials are trying to pass knee-jerk laws that affect the allocation of federal funds to the programs that need it most, they are preventing the governor from fulfilling one of their most important duties

These two proposed amendments will drag out the process and delay necessary federal funds from getting to the folks who need it. I care about my community getting quick relief and I know other [members of your community] agree too.

On Aug. 13, we have the chance to come together and show that our votes matter. Vote no on Aug. 13 to both constitutional amendment questions. Once ballots + polling place info is available include" Visit MyVote.Wi.Gov to view your ballot and find your polling place."

[Add writer's name and contact information]

Title: Our Federal Funds



Dear Editor:

No matter our race, background or zip code, Wisconsinites want our fair share of the federal funds our tax dollars go toward. This is why I am voting no on both constitutional amendment questions on the Aug. 13 ballot, and I urge other Wisconsin residents to do the same.

Why? Our tax dollars go toward federal funds. When Wisconsin gets federal funds, it's our money coming back to us to support Wisconsin farmers, renters, small businesses, food banks, the arts, education and Wisconsinites in times of crisis.

Our tax dollars support Wisconsinites, make Wisconsin stronger and support us in urgent times of crises. This measure would add more red tape that would slow down our money coming back to us.

If [name of community] is hit by a snowstorm or natural disaster, I want funds to get to us as quickly and efficiently as possible. It's our tax money after all. [You can add a personal example relevant to your community about federal funds]

Let's come together and use our collective power to vote no on both constitutional amendments on Aug. 13. [Once ballots + polling place info is available include] Visit MyVote.Wi.Gov to view your ballot and find your polling place."

[Add writer's name and contact information]

Title: No Time for Games

Dear Editor:

This August, another referendum will appear on the ballot statewide. The two questions, if passed, will immediately change our state constitution. I'm voting no on both questions, and I urge other members of [name of community] to do the same.

The two questions could give the state legislature authority over the distribution of federal money, including emergency funds, taking that authority away from the governor.



It's no secret that Wisconsin's legislature spends more time playing partisan games than acting on the issues most Wisconsinites care about. Can we trust the state legislature to administer funds fairly and timely? Take, for example:

- Wisconsin had the least active full-time legislature in the nation during the COVID-19 pandemic, according to an [October 2020 WisPolitics review](#). Leadership in the legislature refused the governor's call for a special session to take action during the crisis. Luckily, Gov. Evers was able to accept nearly \$20 billion from the federal government and distribute it to local governments, education, health services, children and families, housing and more.
- The legislature continues to refuse Medicaid expansion money from the federal government. This money could insure up to 89,000 more Wisconsin residents.
- The legislature has blocked \$125 million for PFAS (a harmful chemical in our water) cleanup over a fight about who and how polluters might be held accountable.
- One anonymous member of the legislature's powerful Joint Finance Committee is blocking \$36 million regarding an unknown concern with the Department of Health Services' plan to spend it.

The legislature plays games while our communities are desperately in need of money and resources. But we voters have the chance to make our voice heard. Let's come together and vote no on Aug. 13. **Once ballots + polling place info is available include "Visit MyVote.Wi.Gov to view your ballot and find your polling place."**

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Write Your Own LTE

Tips:

- Keep it short. Most publications ask that LTEs are around 150-200 words.
- When possible, tailor it to your community and talk about timely issues.
- Share a personal story.
- Lead with shared values that unite Wisconsinites. End on a hopeful note!
- Help voters understand why they should care. How does this affect their lives?
- Avoid jargon and getting too in the weeds.
- Don't repeat the opposition's lies.



- Stay on message and repeat it over and over again.
- If you get published, share with Molly (mcarmichael@lwwwi.org) so voting rights organizations can help amplify it!

Thank you!