



# RESPECT MO VOTERS

**Link to our prepared LTE's:** [☰ 26.01.18 Letters to the Editor](#)

## WRITING A LETTER TO THE EDITOR (LTE)

Thank you for writing an LTE! This is an important way to inform voters about the work that Respect MO Voters is doing to protect the citizen initiative process. Check out some of our published LTEs [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#)!

### Steps for using one of our prepared LTE's:

- Check your local newspaper for their word limit on LTE's.
  - Most are between 150 and 200 words, but this varies by publication
  - Here is a small list of some publications in MO and info on word count and submission instructions:  
[+](#) [Newspapers for LTEs & Op-Eds - Respect MO Voters](#)
- Read the letter options linked at the top of this document and choose the one most appealing to you OR use these options as inspiration to write your own.
- Consider ways you would like to personalize or change the LTE you chose.

- Send an email to the Communications Department at [communications@respectmovoters.org](mailto:communications@respectmovoters.org) telling us
  - Which newspaper you're sending an LTE to
  - The newspaper's word limit
  - Which prepared LTE you want to send
  - Your ideas for changing/personalizing your choice. For example, if the newspaper has recently printed a story related to the legislature's 2026 session, citizen initiatives, the reproductive healthcare referendum, paid sick leave, the citizen's referendum on new district maps, or 2026 amendment 4, a reference to that story will increase the odds of getting your letter printed.
- After your consultation with the Comms Dept., mail (email or snail) your letter to your newspaper. Please let Comms know if and when they print your letter. We'll be keeping track so we don't try to print essentially the same letter twice.
  - Send your letter WITH the suggested title. The newspaper might use it!

### Steps for writing your own LTE:

- Check your local newspaper for their word limit on LTE's.
  - Here is a small list of some publications in MO and info on word count and submission instructions:
    - ✚ Newspapers for LTEs & Op-Eds - Respect MO Voters
- Be interesting.
- Be accurate.
- Focus on the facts.
- **Include a mention of Respect Missouri voters and call to action for folks to join/get involved/learn more at [respectMOvoters.org](https://respectMOvoters.org)**
- Connect to a recent newspaper article on citizen initiatives, the legislative session starting with 8 bills attacking the citizen initiative process, or paid sick leave.

- Send your draft to Comms at [communications@respectmovoters.org](mailto:communications@respectmovoters.org) along with the name of the newspaper you're planning to send your letter to and their word limit. We want to double-check facts and keep track of which topics and newspapers are being approached.
- After your consultation with Comms, mail (email or snail) your letter to your newspaper. Please let Comms know if and when they print your letter. We'll be keeping track so we don't try to print essentially the same letter twice.

If you have any questions about this process, email Comms at [communications@respectmovoters.org](mailto:communications@respectmovoters.org).

Thank you for doing this important work!