

Troy Middle School
5800 West Theodore Street
Plainfield, Illinois 60586

Senator/Representative Name
Street address
City/State/Zipcode

Date

Dear (Senator or Representative name),

Introduction

My name is _____. I am an 8th grade student from Troy Middle School. I am concerned about (name the issue) _____. Based on _____ (reason 1-what you've learned about lawmaking), I feel you have the ability to address _____ (reason 2-what's your issue), and can help by _____ (reason 3-what's your solution).

Body Paragraph 1 (Explain how a bill becomes a law)

Restate the first reason:	
Give two pieces of evidence to support your reason	Evidence 1:
	Evidence 2:
Explain why the senator or representative should care about this - How are people affected?	

Body Paragraph 2 (Explain your issue)

Restate the first reason:	
Give two pieces of evidence to support your reason	Evidence 1:
	Evidence 2:
Explain why the senator or representative should care about this - How are people affected?	

Body Paragraph 3 (Explain the action you want your Senator or Representative to take)

Restate the first reason:	
Give two pieces of evidence to support your reason	Evidence 1:
	Evidence 2:
Explain why the senator or representative should care about this - How are people affected?	

Conclusion

Restate the issue	
Review the topic - Tell why your issue is important	
Sum up - List the 3 main reasons why your issue is important	
Final note - Explain why the Senator or Representative should care about this issue.	Thank you for reading about my concerns regarding _____.
Sincerely, Your name	

Now that you have organized your writing, write your draft on a separate piece of paper.