

#VOTE CLIMATE JUSTICE

How to Write a Letter To The Editor about Climate Justice

1. Don't worry about perfection. Sending an ok letter today is 100% better than sending an excellent letter sometime soon.
2. Write a draft right now, then read the rest of this guide.
3. Keep it short. Remember writing 3-paragraph essays in high-school? It should be like that, except not boring. A longer piece is called an op-ed, and if you're up for that we fully support you.
4. Start with a simple salutation. To the Editor is fine.
5. Did you talk about reducing greenhouse gas emissions? Talk about the cause. Talk about solutions.
6. Be specific. If you're talking about the big picture, talk about the Maybe the editor doesn't know about it and you should tell them. Or, keep it local and talk about...
7. If you haven't already sent it, or if you didn't even write a draft like I said to at the beginning, you can read [this much better guide by Climate Council Australia](#).

WHERE TO SEND YOUR LETTER

Where are you sending this, anyway? You should send your letter to a local paper (or any news source, frankly) that you personally read. Find your paper's specifications for "Letters To The Editor"; mostly you need an email address and a word-count limit. (If you can't find a word-count limit, aim for 150 words.)

Here are the Letters-To-The-Editor pages for some major Maine papers:

[Portland Press Herald](#)

[Bangor Daily News](#)

[The Portland/Northern/Mid-Coast/Southern Forecaster](#) (*look down, lower left of page for box of instructions*)

[Kennebec Daily Journal](#)

[Coastal Journal](#) (*Send your email to both the Associate Editor and the Executive Editor.*)

And lastly, let us know if your letter gets published! Share the link with us and we'll post it. **Thank you for being a climate justice voter!**