

Write a Letter to Your Congressman

Your final assignment will be to contact your representative **Josh Harder** and express your feelings about the state of the district

The letter will include one important issue that should be addressed in Tracy. Some possibilities include immigration, gun control, the environment, jobs, housing, homelessness or Covid-19. (Email me if you have a different idea you want to use)

I do not want to dictate your paper by adding a word bank or other requirements but please keep the things that you learned from this class in mind. Here are some topics that you might refer to when you create your letter. Remember, you do not have to use any of these ideas, but they might help you if you get stuck and do not know what else to include.

- The Constitution
- The Role of Interest Groups and Political Parties
- Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
- Federalism and the structure of the government
- How Congress works
- How a Bill becomes a Law

Each letter should try to include the following:

The letter should be roughly one page. Try not to go over that

Be polite and concise, refrain from making threats or ultimatums

Remember to state your purpose in the opening paragraph

Support your position with examples (evidence) in the rest of the letter. (This could be theoretical evidence from articles, or evidence that you have witnessed living in Tracy)

Be factual and support your position with information about how the issue is likely to affect you and others.

Ask for something to be done about the issue and/or suggest something reasonable to be done.

After you have finished, you can email me your letter. I will also include Josh Harder's webpage on this paper if you want to send it to him as well. Keep in mind that most of you will be eligible to vote in November, so this could be something that contributes to your decision. Since it is an election year, there is a higher chance of hearing back from Josh Harder or one of his representatives.

Josh Harder - <https://harder.house.gov/contact>