



Email is the preferred communication method for Congressional offices. If writing to local, state or federal lawmakers is part of your advocacy efforts, read these tips before hitting send. Planning to call or write a letter to lawmakers? You can follow these same guidelines!

Think Local

Many state lawmakers and members of Congress have local offices outside the state capitol or D.C. By contacting their offices closest to your property, it could be more likely that whoever reads your message is familiar with the issues impacting your community and residents.

Find your members of Congress and their contact information on House and Senate websites. Visit state and local government websites to find information for those decision makers.

Be Yourself

Lawmakers want to hear personal concerns and opinions, so it's best to write from the heart. Explain who you are, how long you've lived in their district/state, and what issue you're most passionate about currently.

For example, if you are interested in health care, you should share your personal experiences, both good and bad, with the health care system. Then, you can urge lawmakers to address any issues as well as support the continuation of all the things in the health care system that are working for you.

Get Detailed

Whenever appropriate, it's helpful to include supporting evidence, whether that's a newspaper article that drew attention to the issue you're writing about or a report that backs your opinion.

If you're writing about the impact service coordination has had on your life and urging lawmakers to expand the program to more properties, you can visit the Public Policy section of the AASC website for details. There, you'll find state-by-state data on cost-savings associated with service coordination.

For AASC Online users, you might also consider sending lawmakers a one-pager that shows the impact of Service Coordinators who use the software system.

