# LETTER/EMAIL TEMPLATE

## Customize this resource from the National Association of School Nurses (NASN) before sending to your state representative and senator.

[**Elected official’s name**]:

I am a school nurse in [**city or school district**] writing to you in [**opposition to/support of**] [**bill title or policy issue**], which would [**effect of bill, i.e.: school nurse funding**].

As a school nurse, I know firsthand that a professional registered school nurse must be present in every school all day, every day, to optimize student health, safety, and learning.

Wide-ratio disparities exist from state to state, within states and school districts, and between urban and rural schools.

[This is where you **make the case for your stance on the bill**. Include 2-3 of the strongest points that support your position, either by demonstrating there is a problem which this bill can help to solve, or by explaining what harm the bill would cause. This could be statistics, qualitative statements, or anything else you’d like to highlight.]

[If you’d like, **include a personal story here** of your experiences and how this legislation would positively or negatively affect you, your students and their families, your school district, and/or your community.]

Today’s students face more medically complex conditions and chronic health illnesses – including asthma, diabetes, food allergies, obesity, and mental health and behavioral issues – which require the knowledge, assessment skills, and judgment of a school nurse to provide management of these lifelong conditions.

Nurses are known for playing essential roles in schools and in the lives of children. 80 percent of adults think it is “absolutely essential” or “very important” for schools to have professional registered nurses on campus, and a majority believe nurses are instrumental to student wellbeing at school. Support for school nurses is supported across party lines.

[**If there is a specific action/vote taking place on the bill, mention it here.**] I encourage you to show your support for [**school nurse services/children and families/etc.**] by voting [**Yes/No**] on [**bill title**].

Thank you for your support of children, families and school nurses.

[**your name**]