

LETTERS FOR CHANGE - RESOURCES

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How to find your provincial MPP

<https://www.ola.org/en/get-involved/contact-mpp>

How to find your federal MP

<https://www.ourcommons.ca/members/en>

To find out about municipal representation go to the website for the region that you live in (e.g. East Gwillimbury) and search for it there. Or call the town office. They can direct you to the right person.

Letter Writing in a Nutshell

- Introduce yourself. Why does this matter to you? (e.g. I'm a mother, a cyclist, a birder, a farmer).
- Share your thoughts, beliefs, and fears around the issue. Be as specific and personal as you can.
- What do you want the person you are writing to/about to do (e.g. stop, reconsider, take another course of action).
- Describe what you would like to see, or any proposed solutions you might have.
- Sign off.

Remember to keep it short, respectful and focussed on the issue versus the person.

An excellent online resource about writing letters to editors:

<https://ctb.ku.edu/en/table-of-contents/advocacy/direct-action/letters-to-editor/main>

Books About Making a Difference

Christen Brandt and Tammy Tibbets: *Impact: A Step-by-Step Plan to Create the World You Want to Live In*. New York: Hachette Book Group, 2020.

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General Resources for Nature Lovers

Carbon Calculator

<https://treecanada.ca/reforestation-carbon-offsetting/grow-clean-air/carbon-calculator/>

Carbon Offsets

<https://marketplace.goldstandard.org/collections/projects>

Canada-Wide (Organizations and Info)

CBC What on Earth Podcast

<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/whatonearth>

Ecojustice

ecojustice.ca

Environmental Defence Canada

<https://environmentaldefence.ca>

David Suzuki Foundation

DavidSuzuki.org

“Queen of Green” Newsletter (tips for decreasing your environmental impact)

<https://david Suzuki.org/queen-of-green/>

Nature Conservancy Canada

<https://natureconservancy.ca/en/>

The Narwhal

<https://thenarwhal.ca/doug-ford-ontario-environment-explainer/>

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Ontario (Organizations and Info)

Clean Air Alliance

<https://www.cleanairalliance.org>

Ontario Greenbelt Alliance

<https://greenbeltalliance.ca>

Rescue Lake Simcoe Charitable Foundation

<https://rescuelakesimcoe.org>

Simcoe County Greenbelt Coalition

<https://simcoecountygreenbelt.ca>

The Changent Circle

<https://www.changentzero.com/the-changent-circle/>

10000 Trees (Markham area)

<https://www.10000trees.com>

International

350.org

<https://350.org>

earthday.org

<https://www.earthday.org>

greenpeace

<https://www.greenpeace.org/global/>

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Anti-Oppressive Communication

The Conscious Language Newsletter

<https://consciousstyleguide.com/newsletters/?>

[awt_a=39Ro&awt_l=5Nyie&awt_m=3X4rGuGHKOiL2Ro](https://consciousstyleguide.com/newsletters/?)

Humour

Marg, the princess warrior

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W38-25KNd9k>