

Advocacy Tips and Contacts

- Be ready to articulate why an issue is important to you. This may include your identity. Are you coming from the perspective of a parent, a scientist, a taxpayer, a person of faith, a person who will be directly impacted, etc.
- If you're a constituent of the elected official you're speaking with, mention that if it's not obvious.
- Make your communications about one issue; no laundry lists. Be succinct.
- Consider the purpose of your communication, whether it's to an elected representative, as testimony or a letter to the editor. Education? Advocacy?
- If you haven't contacted your elected official about your issue in the last six months, you haven't contacted your elected official.
- Join and/or financially support groups that advocate for your issues.

Contacts, More Information:

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Find your city council district/learn more about the council members

<https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/City-Council/Council-Members>

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NOTE: Written comments can be submitted using the councilpacket email address above. Comments to that address are automatically part of the public record. All email to the councilpacket address is reviewed and summarized by a staff person so council members, the mayor and department heads are aware of the comments. Some council members, but not all, also review submissions through that address. If you want to be sure each council member sees your comments, you'll want to send them to each council member as well as the councilpacket address.

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Nebraska Legislature: <https://www.nebraskalegislature.gov>

Access to information on bills, hearings, contact information for senators and others, committees, livestreams of hearings and the legislature and more

State Senator _____
District ___ State Capitol, PO Box 94604, Lincoln, NE 68509-4604
Use this website to find your state senator and the senator's phone number and email address:
https://www.nebraskalegislature.gov/senators/senator_list.php

State Capitol Switchboard

402-471-2311

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NOTE: Snail mail sent to Members of Congress will be read sooner if sent to their Nebraska offices. Mail sent to Washington, DC offices goes through offsite security screening, delaying delivery.

Capitol Hill Switchboard

888-436-8427 or 202-224-3121

President Joe Biden

1600 Pennsylvania Av NW, Washington DC 20500-0001
Comment line: 202-456-1111
Phone: 202-456-1414 Fax: 202-456-2461
E-mail at website: <http://whitehouse.gov/contact>

Lincoln Journal Star Letters to the Editor

PO Box 81609, Lincoln NE 68501
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Omaha World Herald Letters to the Editor

pulse@owh.com

Nebraska Examiner Commentaries

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Accepts unsolicited commentaries from individuals, usually with the expertise to comment on an issue required. No letters to the editor.

NOTE: Generally, larger media outlets won't accept a letter to the editor or op-ed if it's also been sent to another publication. Smaller publications, such as smaller local newspapers, may be more open to a letter to the editor or opinion piece that's already run in a larger office.

More Good Advice

Tips for contacting Members of Congress: <https://community.citizensclimate.org/topics/contacting-congress/>

More advocacy tips from Eric Gerrard:

1. Consider yourself an information source
2. Tell the truth
3. Know who is on your Side
4. Know the opposition
5. Make your connections known
6. Admit uncertainty
7. Be specific
8. Follow up
9. Don't "Burn Bridges"
10. Advocate, don't agitate

How ideas become laws in the Nebraska Legislature and other info: <https://acgusa.net/news-links/>

Writing for traditional and social media: <https://community.citizensclimate.org/topics/media-relations>

Yale Climate Opinion Maps: <https://climatecommunication.yale.edu/visualizations-data/ycom-us/>

National Climate Assessment, including impacts (in lay language): <https://nca2014.globalchange.gov/>