

Sample letter to legislator: Affordable Housing

<p>Put both your address and the address of the Legislator you are writing at the top of your letter.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Your Name Your Address City, State Zip Date</p> <p>Legislator's Name State Capitol Salem, OR 97310</p>
<p>Describe your problem. Tell your own, personal story.</p>	<p>Dear (Senator or Representative) <i>Name of Legislator</i>,</p> <p>I am a tenant in your district concerned with the lack of safe and affordable housing. It is difficult for my family find stable, decent, affordable housing. Because of the lack of affordable housing, we often have to pay much of our income for rent leaving little for other needs.</p> <p><i>(Add more personal details here. It is important for us share the impact high rents have on ourselves and our families. Have you been forced to give up on other things because of high housing costs- health care, food, savings, money for education? Have you been forced to move resulting in change of school for your kids? Have you put up with poor conditions/ lack of repairs because you can't afford to move? Etc.)</i></p>
<p>Tell your legislator what you want them to do.</p> <p>If you live in the district of the Legislator you are writing, be sure to say so. And always ask for a response.</p>	<p>As your constituent, I ask you to look at and respond to the affordable housing crisis in our state. The state must find ways that it can help address this crisis, and the state must support the efforts of local governments to create affordable housing.</p> <p>Please contact me at <i>(your phone number or the above address)</i> to let me know what you are doing to address the affordable housing crisis in our community.</p> <p>Feel free to contact me or the Community Alliance of Tenants to learn more about renters' rights and affordable housing issues.</p>
<p>Sign your letter.</p>	<p>Sincerely,</p> <p>[Your name here]</p>