

Sample letter to the editor

(This is just an example to help you construct your own letter. It is best to use your own words and vary the content of the letters so that it does not appear to be a form letter. Please use the Talking Points and other information to help you with your letter)

Dear Editor:

As a member of the largest child advocacy organization in this state and nation, I am concerned about the massive cuts to the education budget.

The manner in which Florida provides for the educational, health, safety, recreational and other basic needs of Florida's children determines the quality of life for every Florida citizen and providing for those needs lays the foundation of the future of our state. With the recent cuts in the budget, further losses will have a direct impact on the classroom and our children.

Recent budget cuts have already resulted in program and service cutbacks in schools and communities. (Provide examples that apply to your community.) Some of these cuts are being made up by increased fees and additional charges to the public. Further cuts will increase this financial burden on schools, communities, and families.

It is the constitutional duty of the Florida Legislature to meet the educational, environmental, and health care needs of our children. Even in this time of economic uncertainty, the Legislature needs to step forward and provide the leadership that will find solutions to this budget shortfall.

The community stands ready to help our policy makers implement strategies that will ensure a stable source of funding to meet the needs of all Floridians.

Sincerely,

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