

# CONTACT YOUR LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE

If you are interested in contacting your local representative you can follow these steps to figure out where to start.

## STEP 1. WHO ARE MY REPRESENTATIVES?

Visit: <https://myreps.datamade.us/>  
Type in your address and it will tell you info on all of your representatives! From Local to federal!

## STEP 2. HOW DO I FIND THEIR CONTACT INFO?

On the same website, click the CONTACT button on the right of an official's name! This will give you their email. Additionally, their office address is listed beside their name!

## STEP 3. WHAT'S THE EASIEST WAY TO CONTACT?

Email is always the easiest way to contact an official, but it is also the easiest for an official to ignore!

## STEP 4. WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO CONTACT?

Send them a handwritten letter! This will be more personal to the official, as well as it is harder to ignore a stack of letters than it is 20 unread emails!

## WHAT SHOULD YOU SAY?

- Start off a little personal and introduce yourself! What is your job? Do you have children? Etc.
- Praise your official a little or give them kudos for something they did recently.
- Tell them what you want from them. More support against climate change, more actions on carbon fees, vote against a certain bill, etc. Tie it into your story if you can and say why it is important to you.
- Ask them to write you back! More officials will if asked, and that opens up further communication with them!

## GENERAL TIP:

Try to get a letter length of around 1 page. Longer than that and they might miss important points. Keep it to the point, but still personal and informative!