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Indiana General Assembly

Guide for Communicating With State Legislators

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Mailing addresses, phone numbers, and email

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How to Contact State Legislators



Writing A Letter:

The Honorable _____
Indiana House of Representatives
[or] Indiana State Senate
Statehouse
200 W. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204

This is the most effective method for communicating with lawmakers. Be brief and logical, refer to specific legislation and bill numbers, provide any personal examples possible, be courteous instead of angry, and explain your views.



Making A Phone Call:

Senators	Representatives
(317) 232-9400	(317) 232-9600
(800) 382-9467	(800) 382-9842

The same suggestions apply for phone calls as letters and it helps to prepare a few points before you call. When you call the switchboard, ask to speak to a specific legislator. You will be forwarded to the legislator directly or to an assistant.



Sending An E-mail:

Senate: s#@in.gov
House: h#@in.gov

Replace the “#” symbol with the legislator’s district number (see the roster for district #'s).

The same rules apply to e-mail as letters, but being brief and concise is even more important. Resist the urge to fire off an abrupt or angry e-mail to a legislator simply because it’s easy to do so.

10 Tips For Writing To State Legislators

Personal letters, written in your own words and conveying your own views and experiences, signed by you as a constituent, are the most influential.

1. Be sure to tell them who you are. Put your address and phone number on the letter because envelopes get thrown away.
2. If you are writing to your own senator or representative, be sure to identify yourself in the first line “as your constituent.”
3. Write about one subject at a time and identify legislation by name/subject and include a bill number if you have it.
4. State your reason for writing. Tell how the issue would affect you, your work, your family, community, etc.
5. Provide a personal example of the issue and its affects. Examples are very useful to legislators.
6. Be brief and concise!
7. Be reasonable. Don’t ask and resist the urge to be angry or demanding.
8. Ask his or her position on the issue. You are entitled to know.
9. Be sure to thank the legislator for considering your views and for any responses you get.
- 10 Sign the letter.



How Should the Letter Be Addressed?

Your Name Here
1001 Your Street
Yourtown, IN 46000

Date

The Honorable Janet Smith
Indiana House of Representatives
[or] Indiana State Senate
Statehouse
200 W. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Representative [or] Senator Smith,

Roster of Members of the 2009 Indiana General Assembly

(numbers are legislative district numbers)

State Senators

1. Frank Mrvan, Jr. (D-Hammond)
2. Sam Smith (D-East Chicago)
3. Earline Rogers (D-Gary)
4. Karen Tallian (D-Portage)
5. Ed Charbonneau (R-Valparaiso)
6. Sue Landske (R-Cedar Lake)
7. Brandt Hershman (R-Monticello)
8. James Arnold (D-LaPorte)
9. Ryan Mishler (R-Bremen)
10. John Broden (D-South Bend)
11. Joseph Zakas (R-Granger)
12. Carlin Yoder (R-Goshen)
13. Marlin Stutzman (R-Howe)
14. Dennis Kruse (R-Auburn)
15. Thomas Wyss (R-Fort Wayne)
16. David Long (R-Fort Wayne)
17. Gary Dillon (R-Columbia City)
18. Randy Head (R-Logansport)
19. Travis Holdman (R-Markle)
20. Luke Kenley (R-Noblesville)
21. James Buck (R-Kokomo)
22. Ron Alting (R-Lafayette)
23. Phil Boots (R-Crawfordsville)
24. Connie Lawson (R-Danville)
25. Timothy Lanane (D-Anderson)
26. Sue Errington (D-Muncie)
27. Allen Paul (R-Richmond)
28. Beverly Gard (R-Greenfield)
29. Mike Delph (R-Carmel)
30. Teresa Lubbers (R-Indpls)
31. James Merritt, Jr. (R-Indpls)
32. Patricia Miller (R-Indpls)
33. Greg Taylor (D-Indpls)
34. Jean Breaux (D-Indpls)
35. R. Michael Young (R-Indpls)
36. Brent Waltz (R-Greenwood)
37. Richard Bray (R-Martinsville)
38. Tim Skinner (D-Terre Haute)
39. John Waterman (R-Shelburn)
40. Vi Simpson (D-Bloomington)
41. Greg Walker (R-Columbus)
42. Jean Leising (R-Oldenburg)
43. Johnny Nugent (R-Lawrenceburg)
44. Brent Steele (R-Bedford)
45. James Lewis, Jr. (D-Charlestown)
46. Connie Sipes (D-New Albany)
47. Richard Young, Jr. (D-Milltown)
48. Lindel Hume (D-Princeton)
49. Robert Dieg (D-Mt. Vernon)
50. Gregory Server (R-Evansville)

State Representatives

1. Linda Lawson (D-Hammond)
2. Earl Harris (D-East Chicago)
3. Charlie Brown (D-Gary)
4. Ed Soliday (R-Valparaiso)
5. Craig Fry (D-Mishawaka)
6. B. Patrick Bauer (D-South Bend)
7. David Niezgodski (D-South Bend)
8. Ryan Dvorak (D-South Bend)
9. Scott Pelath (D-Michigan City)
10. Chuck Moseley (D-Valparaiso)
11. Dan Stevenson (D-Highland)
12. Mara Candelaria Reardon (D-Munster)
13. Chester Dobis (D-Merrillville)
14. Vernon Smith (D-Gary)
15. Don Lehe (R-Brookston)
16. Douglas Gutwein (R-Rensselaer)
17. Nancy Dembowski (D-Knox)
18. David Wolkins (R-Winona Lake)
19. Shelli VanDenburgh (D-Crown Point)
20. Tom Dermody (R-LaPorte)
21. Jackie Walorski (R-Lakeville)
22. Bill Ruppel (R-North Manchester)
23. William Friend (R-Macy)
24. Richard McClain (R-Logansport)
25. Jeb Bardon (D-Indianapolis)
26. Randolph Truitt (R-Lafayette)
27. Sheila Klinker (D-Lafayette)
28. Jeffrey Thompson (R-Danville)
29. Kathy Richardson (R-Noblesville)
30. Ron Herrell (D-Kokomo)
31. Joseph Pearson (D-Marion)
32. P. Eric Turner (R-Marion)
33. Bill Davis (R-Portland)
34. Dennis Tyler (D-Muncie)
35. L. Jack Lutz (R-Anderson)
36. Terri Austin (D-Anderson)
37. Scott Reske (D-Pendleton)
38. Jacqueline Clements (R-Kokomo)
39. Jerry Torr (R-Carmel)
40. Greg Steuerwald (R-Danville)
41. Tim Brown (R-Crawfordsville)
42. F. Dale Grubb (D-Covington)
43. Clyde Kersey (D-Terre Haute)
44. Nancy Michael (R-Brazil)
45. Bruce Borders (R-Jasonville)
46. Vern Tincher (D-Terre Haute)
47. Ralph Foley (R-Martinsville)
48. Tim Neese (R-Elkhart)
49. Wes Culver (R-Goshen)
50. Dan Leonard (R-Huntington)
51. Richard Dodge (R-Pleasant Lake)
52. David Yarde (R-Howe)
53. Robert Cherry (R-Greenfield)
54. Tom Saunders (R-Lewisville)
55. Tom Knollman (R-North Liberty)
56. Phillip Pflum (D-Milton)
57. Sean Eberhart (R-Shelbyville)
58. Woody Burton (R-Greenwood)
59. Milo Smith (R-Columbus)
60. Peggy Welch (D-Bloomington)
61. Matt Pierce (D-Bloomington)
62. Sandy Blanton (D-Orleans)
63. Mark Messmer (R-Jasper)
64. Kreg Battles (D-Vincennes)
65. Eric Koch (R-Bedford)
66. Terry Goodin (D-Crothersville)
67. Cleo Duncan (R-Greensburg)
68. Robert Bischoff (D-Lawrenceburg)
69. Dave Cheatham (D-North Vernon)
70. Paul Robertson (D-DePauw)
71. Steven Stemler (D-Jeffersonville)
72. Ed Clere (R-New Albany)
73. Dennie Oxley (D-Milltown)
74. Russell Stilwell (D-Boonville)
75. Dennis Avery (D-Evansville)
76. W. Trent Van Haften (D-Mt. Vernon)
77. Gail Riecken (D-Evansville)
78. Vaneta Becker (R-Evansville)
79. Mathew Lehman (R-Decatur)
80. Phil GiaQuinta (D-Fort Wayne)
81. Winfield Moses, Jr. (D-Fort Wayne)
82. Jeffrey Espich (R-Uniondale)
83. Matthew Bell (R-Fort Wayne)
84. Randy Borrer (R-Fort Wayne)
85. Phyllis Pond (R-New Haven)
86. Ed Delaney (D-Indianapolis)
87. Cindy Noe (R-Indianapolis)
88. Brian Bosma (R-Indianapolis)
89. John Barnes (D-Indianapolis)
90. Michael Murphy (R-Indianapolis)
91. Robert Behning (R-Indianapolis)
92. Phillip Hinkle (R-Indianapolis)
93. David Frizzell (R-Indianapolis)
94. Cherish Pryor (D-Indianapolis)
95. John Bartlett (D-Indianapolis)
96. Gregory Porter (D-Indianapolis)
97. Mary Ann Sullivan (D-Indianapolis)
98. William Crawford (D-Indianapolis)
99. Vanessa Summers (D-Indpls)
100. John Day (D-Indianapolis)





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<http://www.in.gov/apps/sos/legislator/search/>

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