

Three (3) Sample Letters to Legislators

Sample Letter 1:

November 17, 2010

Representative _____
1313 Mocking Bird Lane
Des Moines, IA 50311

Dear Representative _____,

Currently, I am a Representative of the Iowa Youth Congress, a civic leadership development opportunity for Iowa high school students with a special emphasis on the recruitment of minority students. We convened in the House Chambers on November 12th for our annual session to determine legislative bills we would ask for our state legislators to support. I am writing to you today to get your support for a bill that we believe needs to be introduced into the Iowa Legislative Session. The bill I am referring to is known as the Bottle Bill.

The Bottle Bill is a bill that will allow all bottles (not just alcoholic and carbonated bottles) to have a five (5) cent fee that is redeemable when a person returns their bottles. This bill is economically feasible, because it will not cost the state, and at the same time it will reduce garbage at the dump sites as well as littering on the streets.

This bill will only help Iowa become greener. There will be no cost to the state, but only to the consumer if they decide not to redeem their bottles at their local grocery stores. On behalf of the IYC, I hope you will take this bill under consideration, and I look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,

Hillary Burton
IYC Representative from Polk County

Sample Letter 2:

November 17, 2010

Representative _____
1313 Mocking Bird Lane
Des Moines, IA 50311

Dear Representative XXXX,

With a new legislative session beginning, I am writing to encourage you to introduce/support the “American Dream Act” (H.R.), it is a bipartisan law that provides all Iowan student graduates to enter a university with in-state tuition.

Every year, American high schools grant diplomas to 65,000 immigrant students who were brought to this country at a young age. The “American Dream Act” would encourage immigrant students to pursue higher education, allowing them to fully contribute to our economy. Their difficulties in obtaining postsecondary education highlight one of the many problems of our broken immigration system and illustrate the need for immigration reform.

I urge you to cosponsor the “American Dream Act” and support these youth, our future leaders.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Hillary Burton
IYC Representative from Polk County

Sample Letter 3:

November 17, 2010

Senator _____
1313 Mocking Bird Lane
Des Moines, IA 50311

Dear Senator XXX,

I want to thank you for cosponsoring, “Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act” (S.XXX). Your endorsement of this important legislation is an encouraging sign for all Iowans, including immigrant students who have the capacity and willingness to contribute to American society.

The struggles of immigrant students highlight one of the many problems of our broken immigration system. The “DREAM Act” is an important first step in promoting sensible, workable solutions on immigration and I hope that you will continue to encourage your colleagues to follow your example and cosponsor the bill as well.

I urge you to continue advancing the “DREAM Act” and supporting our future leaders and look forward to hearing your position on these important issues in the future.

Sincerely,

Hillary Burton
IYC Representative from Polk County