

## FORM LETTER FOR USE BY MEMBERS

**REMEMBER: AS A MEMBER, YOU WRITE AS A CITIZEN, NOT SPEAKING FOR THE LEAGUE**

Your Name  
Address line 1  
Address line 2

Date

The Honorable [Your Legislator's Name]  
Address line 1  
Address line 2

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

**Why You Are Writing (one or two sentences):**

[e.g. "I am writing to urge you to advance campaign finance reform in the 2014-2015 budget"]

**Who are you:**

Use a paragraph here to introduce yourself, humanize the issue, and explain why it is of concern to you.

**Explain why campaign finance laws are important.**

Touch on the following:

- Lax laws create an environment in which influence and access can be bought by wealthy individuals, corporations, unions, lobbyists and other organizations
- The influence of money in politics eats away at the public's faith in government
- Legislators spend inordinate amounts of time raising money to finance their campaigns
- People who would seek office are prevented from doing so by lack of access to funds

**How can the problems can be fixed?**

Touch on the following:

- Reduce all contribution limits
- Close all loopholes and place appropriate limits on corporations and unions
- Significantly improve disclosure
- Create an adequately funded, truly independent, and robust campaign finance enforcement body
- And enact a publicly-funded matching grants system that multiplies the impact of small donations

**Ask your legislator to tell you their position.**

Close with asking your legislator to let you know their position on campaign finance reform and fair elections.

**Thank them .**

Remember to thank them for considering your position

[e.g. "Please let me know what your position is on campaign finance reform and fair elections. Thank you for considering my views. Is there anything I can do to help you advance this issue?"]

Sincerely,

Your Name