

# Letters to the Editor

Local newspapers are still a useful tool to find information, share your opinion and experience, and establish yourself as an expert. Legislators and their staff still regularly read their local paper to understand what is going on in their districts when they are in Columbus or DC and what the constituents and community leaders are focused on. A letter to the editor is a short article drafted by a member of the public and submitted to a local newspaper. These articles are opinion-based and are typically submitted with the goal of raising awareness about a particular topic. Follow the following steps when drafting a letter to the editor.

## TO WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

1. Find your local newspaper below and follow their instructions for submission.
2. Use the template letter below as a guide but add in your own story and why this issue matters to you.
3. Send the letter using your local paper's form or email. Follow their word limit requirements.
4. **FINALLY:** Let us know you sent a letter by emailing [avanzant@ohiofoodbanks.org](mailto:avanzant@ohiofoodbanks.org).

## HELPFUL TIPS:

- Take your time to make sure it is clear and concise.
- Depending on your paper, letters are between 100-300 words (normally).
- Include correct contact information! Newspapers will call to confirm the validity of the letter and authorship. They will not run a letter that does not include the author name and contact information.
- Maybe you have been or are currently food insecure, maybe you deeply care about your community being healthy and hunger-free, maybe you work in the anti-hunger space and want to share your expertise! Whatever it is, add in context as to why this issue matters to you as an Ohioan.
- Don't be afraid to ask for help. Contact us at [avanzant@ohiofoodbanks.org](mailto:avanzant@ohiofoodbanks.org)

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## FIND YOUR PAPER HERE:

Ohio Newspapers:

**Akron Beacon Journal:** Send [vop@thebeaconjournal.com](mailto:vop@thebeaconjournal.com)

**Ashland Times-Gazette:** Use [this form](#).

**Alliance Review:** Use [this form](#).

**Ashtabula Star-Beacon:** Use [this form](#).

**Athens Messenger:** Use [this form](#).

**Athens News:** Use [this form](#).

**Bellefontaine Examiner:** Send letter to: [tjhubbard@examiner.org](mailto:tjhubbard@examiner.org).

**Bellevue Gazette:** [Call this number for more info](#).

**Bowling Green Sentinel-Tribune:** Send letter to: [drogers@aimmediamidwest.com](mailto:drogers@aimmediamidwest.com).

**Bryan Times Send:** Use [this form](#).

**Bucyrus Telegraph-Forum:** Use [this form](#).

**Canton Repository:** Use [this form](#).

**Chillicothe Gazette:** Use [this form](#).

**Cincinnati Enquirer:** Use [this form](#).

**Cleveland Plain Dealer:** Use [this form](#).

**Columbus Dispatch:** Use [this form](#) or send letter to: [letters@dispatch.com](mailto:letters@dispatch.com).

**Coshocton Tribune:** Use [this form](#).

**Daily Advocate:** Use [this form](#) or send letter to: [rberry@aimmediamidwest.com](mailto:rberry@aimmediamidwest.com)

**Daily Chief Union:** Use [this form](#).

**Daily Court Reporter:** Use [this form](#) (Sign-in Required)

**Daily Jeffersonian:** Use [this form](#).

**Daily Standard:** Send letter to: [newsroom@dailystandard.com](mailto:newsroom@dailystandard.com)

**Dayton Daily News:** Use [this form](#).

**Defiance Crescent-News:** Use [this form](#).

**Delaware Gazette:** Use [this form](#).

**Elyria Chronicle-Telegram:** Send letter to: [letters@chroniclet.com](mailto:letters@chroniclet.com)

**Fairborn Daily Herald:** Use [this form](#).

**Findlay Courier:** Use [this form](#).

**Fremont News-Messenger:** Use [this form](#).

**Gallipolis Daily Tribune (Ran by WVNews):** Use [this form](#).

**Hamilton Journal-News:** Send letter to: [edletter@coxinc.com](mailto:edletter@coxinc.com).

**Hillsboro Times-Gazette:** Use [this form](#).

**Ironton Tribune:** Use [this form](#).

**Kenton Times:** Use [this form](#).

**Lancaster Eagle-Gazette:** Use [this form](#).

**Lima News:** Use [this form](#).

**Lisbon Morning Journal:** Use [this form](#).

**Logan Daily News:** Use [this form](#).

**Lorain Morning Journal:** Send letter to: [letters@morningjournal.com](mailto:letters@morningjournal.com)

**Marietta Times:** Use [this form](#).

**Marion Star:** Use [this form](#).

**Marysville Journal-Tribune:** Send letter to: [chad@marysvillejt.com](mailto:chad@marysvillejt.com).

**Medina Gazette:** Send letter to: [letters@medina-gazette.com](mailto:letters@medina-gazette.com)

**Morrow County Sentinel:** Use [this form](#).

Mount Vernon News: Send letter to: [assignments@mountvernonnews.com](mailto:assignments@mountvernonnews.com).

Newark Advocate: Use [this form](#).

Mansfield News Journal: Use [this form](#).

Martins Ferry Times Leader: Use [this form](#).

Massillon Independent: Send letter to: [steven.grazier@indeonline.com](mailto:steven.grazier@indeonline.com).

Piqua Daily Call (Miami Valley Today): Use [this form](#).

Pomeroy Daily Sentinel (Ran by WNews): Use [this form](#).

Port Clinton News-Herald: Use [this form](#).

Portsmouth Daily Times: Use [this form](#).

Ravenna Record-Courier: Use [this form](#).

Salem News: Use [this form](#).

Sandusky Register: Use [this form](#).

Sidney Daily News: Use [this form](#).

Springfield News-Sun: Send letter to: [Edletter@coxinc.com](mailto:Edletter@coxinc.com).

St. Mary's Evening Leader: Use [this form](#).

Steubenville Herald-Star: Use [this form](#).

Toledo Blade: Use [this form](#).

Troy Daily News (Now Miami Valley Today): Use [this form](#).

Van Wert Times Bulletin: Send letter to: [editor@timesbulletin.com](mailto:editor@timesbulletin.com).

Warren Tribune Chronicle: Use [this form](#).

Washington C.H. Record-Herald: Use [this form](#).

Willoughby News-Herald: Send letter to: [editor@news-herald.com](mailto:editor@news-herald.com)

Wilmington News-Journal: Use [this form](#).

Wooster Daily Record: Send letter to: [veronica.vandress@the-daily-record.com](mailto:veronica.vandress@the-daily-record.com)

Xenia Daily Gazette: Send letter to: [editor@xeniagazette.com](mailto:editor@xeniagazette.com).

Youngstown Vindicator: Send letter to: [news@tribtoday.com](mailto:news@tribtoday.com).

Zanesville Times Recorder: Use [this form](#).

## OAF Letter to the Editor: House Bill 428

**\*COPY AND PASTE BELOW THIS LINE, MAKE NECESSARY EDITS, AND SUBMIT\***

To the editor,

In just one year, more than 1 in 4 Ohioans will be 60 and older. Of this group, 110,000 households receive less than \$50 a month in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Plan (SNAP) benefits. I am writing to express my support for House Bill 428, which aims to leverage state funds to increase the minimum SNAP benefits for older adults to \$50 per month.

During the pandemic, emergency monthly SNAP stipends were raised to \$281. In spring 2023, approximately 70,000 households were reduced to the minimum benefit of \$23 per month, which falls short in providing adequate nutritional support, especially amidst record food price inflation.

(Please contribute one sentence about how this impacts you.)

Ohio lawmakers have an opportunity to make a significant and lasting impact on the health and well-being of older Ohioans with House Bill 428. Food is essential. A study from Maryland has even concluded that SNAP directly contributes to a reduced likelihood of nursing home and hospital admissions. We are all aging — and we all deserve the right to grow, age and live independently and safely in our beloved state of Ohio.

Please call on your local legislators to support House Bill 428.

Sincerely,

(Name)

(City of Residence)

(Phone Number)