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.
* Consider submitting a letter to the editor to both your local and student newspaper! This will be a compelling topic to submit to both.
* Don’t be afraid to ask for help. Contact us at [avanzant@ohiofoodbanks.org](mailto:avanzant@ohiofoodbanks.org)

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**Ohio Local Newspapers:**

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

**Alliance Review:** Use [this form](http://www.the-review.com/send-us-your-news).

**Ashland Times-Gazette:** Use  
[this form](https://help.times-gazette.com/contact-us).

**Ashtabula Star-Beacon:** Use  
[this form](https://www.starbeacon.com/site/forms/online_services/letter/).

**Athens Messenger:** Use [this form](https://www.athensnews.com/site/forms/online_services/letter_editor/).

**Athens News:**Use [this form](https://www.athensnews.com/site/forms/online_services/letter_editor/).

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

**Bellevue Gazette:** [Call this number for more info](tel:+14194834190).

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

**Bryan Times Send:** Use [this form.](https://www.bryantimes.com/site/forms/online_services/letter/letter_editor/)

**Bucyrus Telegraph-Forum:** Use [this form](https://static.bucyrustelegraphforum.com/feedback/).

**Canton Repository:** Use [this form](https://help.cantonrep.com/contact-us).

**Chillicothe Gazette:** Use [this form](https://static.chillicothegazette.com/feedback/).

**Cincinnati Enquirer:** Use [this form](http://static.cincinnati.com/letter/).

**Cleveland Plain Dealer:**  Use [this form](http://www.cleveland.com/opinion/index.ssf/2014/08/submit_a_letter_to_the_plain_d.html).

**Columbus Dispatch:**  Use  [this form](https://www.dispatch.com/story/opinion/letters/2020/11/03/columbus-dispatch-letter-editor-submissions/6150040002/) or send letter to: [letters@dispatch.com](mailto:letters@dispatch.com).

**Coshocton Tribune:**  Use [this form](https://static.coshoctontribune.com/feedback/).

**Daily Advocate:**  Use [this form](https://www.dailyadvocate.com/contact-us/) or send letter to: [rberry@aimmediamidwest.com](mailto:rberry@aimmediamidwest.com)

**Daily Chief Union:**  Use [this form](http://www.dailychiefunion.com/letter-to-the-editor/).

**Daily Court Reporter:** Use [this form](https://www.dailycourt.com/users/admin/contribute/article/) (Sign-in Required)

**Daily Jeffersonian:**  Use [this form](https://help.daily-jeff.com/contact-us).

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

**Dayton Daily News:**  Use [this form](http://www.daytondailynews.com/opinion/sendletter/).

**Defiance Crescent-News:**  Use [this form](https://www.crescent-news.com/site/forms/online_services/letter_editor/).

**Delaware Gazette:**  Use [this form.](https://www.delgazette.com/contact-us/)

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

**Fairborn Daily Herald:**  Use [this form](http://fairborndailyherald.com/formeditor).

**Findlay Courier:**  Use [this form](https://thecourier.com/live-content/form-submit-news/).

**Fremont News-Messenger:**  Use [this form](https://static.thenews-messenger.com/feedback/).

**Gallipolis Daily Tribune (Ran by WVNews):** Use [this form](https://www.wvnews.com/site/forms/online_services/letter/letter_editor/).

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

**Hillsboro Times-Gazette:** Use [this form](http://timesgazette.com/formeditor).

**Ironton Tribune:** Use [this form](http://www.irontontribune.com/letters-to-editor/).

**Kenton Times:** Use [this form](http://www.kentontimes.com/letter-to-the-editor/).

**Lancaster Eagle-Gazette:** Use [this form](https://static.lancastereaglegazette.com/feedback/).

**Lima News:** Use [this form](http://limaohio.com/formeditor).

**Lisbon Morning Journal:** Use [this form.](http://www.morningjournalnews.com/submit-news/)

**Logan Daily News:**Use [this form](https://www.logandaily.com/site/forms/online_services/letter/letter_editor_imported-1304523112/).

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

**Marietta Times**: Use [this form](http://www.mariettatimes.com/submit-news/).

**Marion Star**: Use [this form](https://static.marionstar.com/feedback/).

**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](http://morrowcountysentinel.com/formeditor).

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

**Newark Advocate:** Use [this form](https://static.newarkadvocate.com/feedback/).

**Mansfield News Journal:** Use [this form](https://static.mansfieldnewsjournal.com/feedback/).

**Martins Ferry Times Leader:** Use [this form](https://timesleader.com/formeditor).

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

**Piqua Daily Call (Miami Valley Today):** Use [this form](https://miamivalleytoday.com/submit-a-letter-to-the-editor/).

**Pomeroy Daily Sentinel (Ran by WVNews):** Use [this form](https://www.wvnews.com/site/forms/online_services/letter/letter_editor/).

**Port Clinton News-Herald:** Use [this form](https://static.portclintonnewsherald.com/feedback/).

**Portsmouth Daily Times:** Use [this form](http://portsmouth-dailytimes.com/formeditor).

**Ravenna Record-Courier:** Use [this form](https://help.record-courier.com/contact-us).

**Salem News:** Use [this form](https://www.salemnews.net/submit-news/).

**Sandusky Register:** Use [this form](https://sanduskyregister.com/live-content/form-submit-news/).

**Sidney Daily News:** Use [this form](http://sidneydailynews.com/formeditor).

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

**St. Mary’s Evening Leader:** Use [this form](https://www.theeveningleader.com/site/forms/online_services/letter_editor/).

**Steubenville Herald-Star:**Use [this form](http://www.heraldstaronline.com/submit-news/).

**Toledo Blade:**Use [this form](http://www.toledoblade.com/letterstoeditor).

**Troy Daily News (Now Miami Valley Today):** Use [this form](https://miamivalleytoday.com/submit-a-letter-to-the-editor/).

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

**Warren Tribune Chronicle:** Use [this form](https://www.tribtoday.com/submit-news/).

**Washington C.H. Record-Herald:** Use [this form](http://recordherald.com/formeditor).

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

**Wilmington News-Journal:** Use [this form](http://wnewsj.com/formeditor).

**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](https://static.zanesvilletimesrecorder.com/feedback/).

**Ohio University Papers:**

**Antioch Record (Antioch College):** Send letter to [therecord@antiochcollege.edu](mailto:therecord@antiochcollege.edu).

**BG News/BG Falcon Media (Bowling Green State University):** Use this [form](https://bgfalconmedia.com/submit-your-content/).

**Carroll News (John Carroll University):** See more information [here](https://carrollnews.org/about/contact-us/).

**Flyer News (University of Dayton):** Send letter to [flyernews@udayton.edu](mailto:flyernews@udayton.edu).

**KentWired/The Kent Stater (Kent State University):** Use this [form.](https://kentwired.com/submit-a-letter-to-the-editor/)

**Kenyon Collegian (Kenyon College):** See more information [here.](https://kenyoncollegian.com/contact-us/)

**Marauder Land Media Group (Central State University):** See more information [here.](https://www.centralstate.edu/marauder-land-media-group)

**Northern Review (Ohio Northern University):** Use this [form.](https://airtable.com/app2vIhwSl5Euz1bt/shr3iXVO2YgbbLqO7)

**Oberlin Review (Oberlin College):** Send letter to [opinions@oberlinreview.org](mailto:opinions@oberlinreview.org) & see [submission guidelines](https://oberlinreview.org/about/).

**OWU Magazine (Ohio Wesleyan University):** Send letter to [magazine@owu.edu](mailto:magazine@owu.edu).

**The Buchtelite (University of Akron):** Use this [form.](https://buchtelite.com/write-to-us/)

**The Cauldron (Cleveland State University)**: Use this [form.](https://csu-cauldron.com/tips-story-ideas/)

**The Collegian (University of Toledo):** Use this [form](https://www.utoledocollegian.com/contact).

**The Daily (Case Western Reserve University):** Use this [form.](https://thedaily.case.edu/about/submit-to-the-daily/)

**The Denisonian (Denison University):** Send letter to [denisonian@denison.edu](mailto:denisonian@denison.edu).

**The Lantern (OSU):** See more information [here.](https://www.thelantern.com/letters-to-the-editor/)

**The Miami Student (Miami University):** Use this [form.](https://www.miamistudent.net/page/story-tip)

**The News Record (University of Cincinnati):** Send letter to editor in chief, [kiehlam@mail.uc.edu](mailto:kiehlam@mail.uc.edu).

**The Post (Ohio University):** Use this [form.](https://www.thepostathens.com/page/submit-a-letter)

**The Voice (Cuyahoga Community College):** See more information [here.](http://www.cccvoice.com/about/)

**Wooster Voice (College of Wooster):** See more information [here.](https://thewoostervoice.spaces.wooster.edu/about-us/editorial-policy/)

**Wright State Guardian (Wright State University):** Send letter to [guardian1@wright.edu](mailto:guardian1@wright.edu)

**Xavier Newswire (Xavier University):** Send letter to [newswire@xavier.edu](mailto:newswire@xavier.edu)

**OAF Letter to the Editor: House Bill 590**

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

To the editor,

Generations past have highlighted college student poverty and hunger as a rite of passage. Many talk fondly about what they ate during undergrad, mostly nutritionally devoid, cheap foods that assisted with the infamous ‘freshman 15’ such as ramen noodles and mac & cheese. Although this remains the reality of many college students today, we should not normalize college student hunger and more can be done for students who are struggling to make ends meet while furthering their education.

Because of this, I am writing to express my support for House Bill 590, which aims to leverage state funds to support or stand up basic needs programs on college campuses, like [LOCAL UNIVERSITY OR YOUR CURRENT UNIVERSITY/ALMA MATER].

During the pandemic, we saw how difficult it was for students to make ends meet and stay in school. College enrollment numbers plummeted as students lost their jobs, were uprooted from their lives, and had to leave student housing with nowhere to go. Even prior to the pandemic, studies have found that poverty deeply impacted graduation rates, with [food-insecure students being 40% less likely to graduate than their food-secure peers](https://publichealth.jhu.edu/2021/food-insecurity-during-college-years-linked-to-lower-graduation-rate).

Although there is an acknowledgement from many universities that students cannot learn when they are hungry or when they are worrying about other basic needs, the state can support these efforts by establishing a grant program that helps institutions maintain or establish these basic needs programs. (Please contribute one sentence about how this impacts you.)

Ohio lawmakers have an opportunity to support Ohioans trying to better their lives through education and job training. Please call on your local legislators to support House Bill 590.

Sincerely,

(Name)

(City of Residence)

(Phone Number)