How to write to your MPP about poverty

Writing a personal message is simple and should take only a few minutes. Follow these steps for an effective letter:

1. Ask for a specific action, using your own words or this sentence: I urge you to invest in and protect key programs that will end hunger and reduce poverty in Ontario.

2. Mention a specific bill or policy if relevant.

3. Give reasons for your request.

• Share a personal reason that motivates you to write. Letters with personal stories are the most compelling and effective.

• Show your own commitment to ending poverty: “My church is already helping by [example], but I also expect you to pass budget and spending bills that will end homelessness by 2025.”

4. Write your name and address at the end of your letter and on the envelope so your MPP knows you are one of their constituents.

5. Send your message to Queen’s Park or their constituency office. If you are mailing your letter, put each letter in a separate envelope and address it. Find your MPP’s contact information here:

<https://www.ola.org/en/members/current/contact-information>

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