



# Writing an Effective Letter to your Legislator

1. Be brief. One page.
2. Be focused. One topic.
3. Tell the legislator what action you would like to see occur.
4. Be polite. Make a positive connection if possible.
5. Include your personal connection to the topic.
6. Support your argument with specific facts.
7. End with a call to action. Tell what you want done.
8. Thank the legislator.
9. Save your letter. Write a follow up if needed.



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The Honorable Paul Anderson

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Dear Senator Anderson,

I am writing to encourage you to support Senator Karin Housley's bill SF266 regarding the Film and Television Board "Snowbate Program" appropriation. As Vice Chair of the Jobs and Economic Growth Finance and Policy Committee I know that you are deeply concerned in stimulating job growth. At the League of Women Voters you expressed your support for small business owners. People in the film industry in Minnesota are small independent contractors. My daughter is currently a location scout for **In an Instant**, a TV show produced here in Minnesota. I worked as a set teacher for a shoe store commercial. People work as electricians, set designers, makeup artists, drivers, carpenters, and so many more jobs. Recent productions such as the movie **Wilson**, **Heart of Wilderness**, and a **Honda** commercial shot at Lake of the Woods spend money at stores and restaurants as well as paying local workers. The local artists in turn spend money and pay taxes. Please support Senator Housley's bill SF266. Thank you for paying attention to my concerns.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Thompson