

# THE TOWN HALL PLAYBOOK

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Use this template to write your own Letter to the Editor, and remember to fill in the fields pertinent to you before submitting to your local paper! Keep in mind that most Letters to the Editor have a word limit that typically falls between 200-300 words.

When we elect someone to represent us, we expect them to show up – not just in Washington, but here at home.

With Congress on recess this August, our Representative should be holding a real, in-person town hall. Not a tele-townhall where questions are screened and scripted. Not a closed-door meeting with a select few. A real town hall where every voter has a chance to be heard, ask questions, and get straight answers.

Lately, it feels like too many politicians would rather hide behind press releases and social media posts than face their constituents directly. But public service isn't supposed to be easy – it's supposed to be accountable. That's what town halls are for.

There are real issues facing our community: **[local issue #1]**, **[local issue #2]**, and so many others that deserve open and honest discussion. We deserve to be part of that conversation – not shut out of it.

I'm urging **[Representative's Name]** to step up and schedule a town hall this August. Show up. Listen. Answer questions. That's not too much to ask. That's democracy.

Sincerely  
[first name, last initial]

