

# THE BLACK GIRL PROJECT

## NURTURING THE NEXT GENERATION

### Creating a Letter Writing Campaign

Writing a letter to the editor, the mayor, or other public officials can be an effective manner of addressing issues of bias in your community. There are several things to keep in mind when writing a letter:

Don't be angry, or use harsh language.

State the issue clearly and plainly.

Keep your response brief. An effective letter can be as short as 50-100 words.

Make sure you refer in the first sentence to the article which prompted your letter.

Be succinct. Do not wander from the one or two points you wish to make.

If you are sending your letter via e-mail, include the letter in the text, not as an attachment. Many organizations are unable to receive the transmission of attachments.

Get your friends to write letters too!

### ***Sample Letter***

December 1, 2053

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to express my disappointment in the lack of comprehensive sexual education in my school/community. While some people have mentioned that sex education will lead to sexual activity, I believe that it will help prevent the escalating HIV/AIDS crisis among women of color.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, African American and Hispanic women will account for 82% of all new HIV/AIDS cases in women. As a member of that demographic, I am outraged and the lack of preventative education in our communities continues to undermine our concerns.

Please vote YES, the next time sex education is before the council/legislature, etc.

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