

## Five Step Formula for Writing Letters to the Editor

- (1) First Sentence: Cite article and briefly describe the article in a way that relates to what you want to discuss.
- (2) Second Sentence: Pivot to what you want to discuss.
- (3) One or Two Supporting Sentences: Draw from facts listed in action sheet. If possible, connect the issue to a matter of local concern.
- (4) Second to Last Sentence: An expression of how your faith and values lead you to the position you are taking.
- (5) Final Sentence: Call to action that invites readers to join Climate Hope Affiliates in contacting their members of congress.

### Sample Letter to the Editor

Your article entitled “The Supreme Court Strikes Down Trump’s Tariffs” comes as a reminder of the current state of politics as a spectator sport in which we watch to see who objects to Trump’s policies and await the brawl that follows. Whether it is threats to our economy or our environment, we as citizens can no longer afford to simply sit in the stands. With the recent repeal of the endangerment finding by the EPA, we cannot sit idly by while the foundation for our government’s response to climate change is demolished. Last month, Senators Bernie Moreno and Jon Husted [voted in favor](#) of a bill that funded the EPA to a greater degree than the Senate initially proposed. We need to see them continue this kind of leadership in the Senate. Readers should join with organizations like [Climate Hope Affiliates](#) in calling congressional offices at (202) 224-3121 to urge congress members to speak from the floor in support of an EPA that addresses the climate crisis as part of fulfilling its mission of protecting the environment and public health. As a Christian minister concerned about my neighbors and our shared planet, I see this as a top moral priority.

Sources Cited:

Senate Roll Call of Votes:

[https://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll\\_call\\_votes/vote1192/vote\\_119\\_2\\_00011.htm](https://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_votes/vote1192/vote_119_2_00011.htm)

Climate Hope Affiliates: <https://www.ucc.org/climatehopeaffiliates>