**Tips for writing a professional letter to Congress**

**See template letters provided on the Beyond Strangeness website – revise to your liking**

1. **Find the legislators who represent your state and district.**
	1. Each American citizen is represented in the United States Senate by 2 state senators, and 1 United States House representative from your unique district within your state. (Simply type in your zip code at www.house.gov to find the correct House representative for your district)
	2. Links to your legislators, including their contact information, are supplied on the Beyond Strangeness website
2. **Formatting the letter**
	1. Center your name and address at the top of the page, as you would see in a formal letterhead
	2. Type the date, left justified
	3. Type “Subject:” followed by a brief title for your letter
	4. Type a salutation, such as “Dear Senator Smith” or “Dear Representative Garcia”
3. **Writing the letter – ideally no longer than one page**
	1. Introduce yourself as a constituent with voting power
	2. Explain why you are writing
	3. If you are writing about a specific bill, act, or amendment being considered, include the bill/act/amendment number, author and title
	4. Explain what you would like to see happen
	5. Be respectful and professional. Do Not use threatening or inappropriate language
	6. Thank the legislator for their time
4. **Closing the letter**
	1. Close the letter with “Sincerely,” or “Respectfully,” left justified
	2. Hit the space bar a few times and then type your name/signature. If you are handwriting your letter, your signature should be added in cursive
5. **Sending the letter**
	1. Constituents can submit letters directly to senators and representatives through the “contact” tab on their websites.
	2. Submit your letter to both senators from your state, and to the one House rep from your district within your state.
	3. If you have time, hand-written letters can be particularly impactful. These can be sent via snail-mail to the address listed on the legislator’s website.
	4. Of course, you can also write additional letters to POTUS, Speaker of the House and media organizations!

**MY VOTE COUNTS - TEMPLATE**

**[insert your name]**

**[insert your street address]**

**[insert your city, state & zip code]**

**[insert date]**

**Subject: Unidentified Anomalous Phenomenon (UAP) Disclosure legislation**

**Dear [House Representative/Senator (last name)]:**

 **I am a constituent and registered voter of district [your district number] in the State of [your state name]. I am writing to you regarding [bill/act/amendment number] by [author] regarding [topic]. I support this legislative effort because [insert a sentence explaining why the legislation is important to you].**

 **UAP disclosure is, in fact, so important to me that I have become a single-issue voter. If a politician has a record of supportive votes on UAP disclosure, the candidate will receive my vote. If a politician has a record of opposing UAP disclosure, my vote will go to a different candidate who understands the gravity of continued secrecy on our democracy.**

**As a concerned citizen, I am relying on my state representatives to apply pressure through legislative action to get to the bottom of the UAP issue. I am counting on you to vote in favor of [bill/act/amendment number] by [author], and I thank you for your time and service to our country.**

**Respectfully,**

**[insert your name/signature]**

**PERSONAL UAP EXPERIENCE - TEMPLATE**

**[insert your name]**

**[insert your street address]**

**[insert your city, state & zip code]**

**[insert date]**

**Subject: Unidentified Anomalous Phenomenon (UAP) Disclosure legislation**

**Dear [insert legislator’s name]:**

 **As your constituent and a registered voter, I am writing to request your support on UAP disclosure legislation.**

 **UAP disclosure is especially important to me because I have personally witnessed an anomalous incident, and it has impacted my life immensely. [Insert a couple sentences describing the incident you experienced. Insert a sentence explaining how the incident has impacted your life.]**

**As you are aware, highly credible military veterans testified under oath during a July, 2023 congressional hearing regarding unidentified aerial objects in our airspace, retrieval of crashed craft originating from non-human intelligence, and a decades-long secret program to reverse engineer these objects. I am deeply upset that the evidence behind these allegations has been withheld from us for several decades.**

**Congress must apply pressure, through legislative action, to get to the bottom of this issue and usher in a new era of transparency. Thank you for your anticipated support as further UAP evidence and testimony unfolds.**

**Sincerely,**

**[insert your name/signature]**