



## Letters to the Editor:

A letter to the editor (LTE) is a short letter to a local newspaper or publication that gives your opinion on an issue, and calls on your lawmakers or fellow community members to take action.

### Helpful Tips

- An LTE is usually 250 words; some publications ask for 200 or fewer
- Your goal is to persuade or inform the reader about an issue
- Back everything up with facts from reputable news sources or research
- Remember: Your LTE will be scrutinized heavily by the opposition
- Include your name, address, and daytime phone number
- Click here for the top 100 online and print publications across the country:  
<https://www.theopedproject.org/submission-information/>
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<https://www.50states.com/news/#.Vo1JQPkrJaQ>
- If your LTE is published, please inform Thomas at [them@actforamerica.org](mailto:them@actforamerica.org)

### Example LTE

*“Designating the Muslim Brotherhood as a terrorist organization is not anti-Muslim. The Muslim Brotherhood has been designated as a terrorist organization by several Muslim-majority countries, including Egypt, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Syria, and the United Arab Emirates. Therefore, designating the Muslim Brotherhood as a terrorist organization cannot be anti-Muslim, as several Muslim-majority countries agree with the policy.”*

- This abbreviated LTE makes a clear argument, is persuasive, and is backed up with evidence