

# Write Letters

## **Purpose:**

The purpose of writing letters to inform legislators, media outlets (newspapers, TV shows etc.), and local business, etc that issues of hunger both locally and nationally interest you as a constituent and a consumer. Letters are also an outlet to let others know about hunger and what can they do to help reduced drastically in their communities, countries, and the world.

## **How to...**

### **Write to Legislators:**

1. Find out the name and address of the legislator serving your congressional district or representative to senate for the state of Alabama. Go to [www.congress.org](http://www.congress.org) or <http://capwiz.com/bread/home/>
2. Write a letter or an e-mail. Include your postal address, especially on e-mails to ensure the legislator knows you are a constituent. State your purpose tell the representative why this issue is important in a personal way. Be to the point and keep it to less than one page. Finally call for action—tell them what they can do to solve the problem.

### **Write Letters to the editor, local business, etc:**

1. Select a business or a media outlet to which you would like to write.
2. Write a letter including a return address. Follow the same instructions from above, but make sure relate the problem of hunger to the business. E.g. food waste from restaurants could be donated to local soup kitchens.

## **Other ways to get involved:**

- Join electronic petitions such the Friends of WFP online petition for the McGovern-Dole School feeding program
- e-list that will alert you when your involvement is critical