# Writing Impactful Letters to the Editor

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### Before Writing Your LTE...

- What is my topic?
- What is my news hook?
- Who is my audience?
- ► Where will I submit the piece?

## Writing An EPIC LTE

- Engage Your Audience
- State the Problem
- Inform on the Solution
- Call to Action



#### Submitting Your LTE

- Locate submission requirements
  - Form vs. Email
- One paper at a time
- Follow up

#### Additional Resources

- ► Indivisible:
  - <u>www.indivisible.org/resource/write-letters-editor-really-get-attention</u>
- OpEd Project: <u>www.theopedproject.org/</u>
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