

WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR!

Writing a letter to the editor of your local newspaper is a great way to send the message that you care about fixing Michigan's failing public defense system!

By writing a letter, you can add a perspective not addressed in a news article. You can reach elected officials, who often monitor their local newspaper.

A few reminders:

- **Keep letters short and to the point.** Stick to one main point.
- **Speak from the heart.** Share your own personal story – how has this issue impacted you, your family or your friends?
- **Write legibly.**
- **Include your contact information.** Newspapers need your full name, address, and daytime phone number.
- **Tell us!** Notify the Campaign (info@michigancampaignforjustice.org / (517) 372-3050) of the letter you've submitted, so we can see your great work!

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Thank you for your commitment to justice!



How do I write a letter to the editor?

1. Which newspaper do you want to write a letter to?
 - a. Is there a specific article that you want to respond to? (To add to a point, clarify something, disagree with something, etc.)
2. Pick one or two main points (see talking points).
3. Put these main points in your own words!! Share your own story.
4. Reference the article you are responding to.
5. Include your contact information at the bottom of the letter.
6. Either email the letter to the newspaper OR submit the letter online!



Talking points – Letters to the Editor

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Pick one or two main points, and put them in your own words!

- The NLADA report shows clearly that Michigan’s public defense system fails to uphold the Constitutional rights of accused adults and children. The justice you receive should not depend on the amount of money you have.
- Our public defense system fails to keep our communities safe. When innocent people are locked up, the real perpetrators are free. We need to fix the system to prevent future injustices.
- Inefficiency runs rampant throughout our public defense system. My tax dollars should be spent effectively and this failing system needs to be changed.
- Legislators took a good first step by commissioning this study. Now they know this is a huge problem and they must take the next step – working with state experts to fix our failing public defense system.