

Sample email in FAVOR or AGAINST BILL OR LEGISLATION

Dear Mayor and Commissioners,

I am a resident of **XYZ CITY** and am writing to you today to request that you vote **IN FAVOR OF** or **AGAINST ITEM XX** or **BILL HB XXXX/SB YYY – DESCRIPTION OF ITEM/NAME OF BILL.**

The reason for my request is that **DESCRIPTION OF WHY YOU ARE AGAINST OR IN FAVOR OF IT.**

Thank you and kind regards,

YOUR NAME

YOUR CITY AND ZIP CODE

EXAMPLE 1:

Dear State Representative XYZ,

I am a resident of North Bay Village and am writing to you today to request that you vote in favor of bill **HB 6027/SB 594 – Preemption of Recyclable and Polystyrene Materials** Sponsored by Rep. Grieco and Sen. Stewart which would restore the ability of local governments to regulate single-use plastic bags and polystyrene foam foodware. This is a crucial step to eliminate:

- plastic pollution which is suffocating our ocean and the many animals that call it home. Most plastic pollution at sea starts out on land as litter on beaches, streets and sidewalks. Rain or overwatering flushes that litter through a storm drain system or directly to creeks, streams and rivers that lead to the ocean. After plastics enter the marine environment they slowly photodegrade into smaller pieces that marine life can mistake for food, sometimes with fatal results.

OR

- plastic pollution. Plastics, do not biodegrade! Instead it photodegrades - breaking down into smaller and smaller pieces without ever disappearing! With the exception of the small amount of plastic that has been incinerated, virtually every piece of plastic that was ever made still exists in some shape or form on our one planet, and much of it in the ocean! Researchers estimate there are now over 5.25 trillion pieces of plastic in the ocean with 8.75 million metric tons being added every year. This pollution is impacting our marine ecosystems and wildlife including seabirds, dolphins, fish, turtles, and whales.

Additionally, of the **100 billion** plastic bags used in the USA alone every year (the average American family takes home almost 1,500 plastic shopping bags a year!) many end up in our waterways and the others, that end up on landfills create harmful carbon dioxide emissions that further contribute to climate change.

Thank you for helping us pass this bill!,

First Name Last Name

North Bay Village, Florida

EXAMPLE 2:

Dear Commissioner XYZ,

I am writing to you today as I would like you to vote in favor of IMPLEMENTING ORDINANCES REGARDING THE USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF POLYSTYRENE FOAM FOOD WARE AND CERTAIN OTHER POLYSTYRENE FOAM PRODUCTS, AND PROHIBITING POLYSTYRENE FOAM PRODUCTS IN BEACHES AND PUBLIC PARKS which you will be discussing at the meeting tonight. These products contaminate the environment as they break down into tiny pieces that kill marine life, pollute our waterways and beaches and never fully disappear. Such an ordinance would work in favor of alleviating some of the pollution experienced by the bodies of water in our County, leading to dramatic environmental damage such as the recent fish kill in Biscayne Bay.

Thank you and kind regards,

First Name Last Name
Resident of North Bay Village, Miami-Dade County

EXAMPLE 3:

Dear Mayor and Commissioners,

I support item RE-5 on the agenda today. As stated by stakeholders such as Surfrider Foundation Miami, a fertilizer ordinance is one of the necessary steps to prevent an excess of nutrients from entering the bay. Last summer's unrepresented fish kill was a dire warning that all measures need to be taken to save our bay. Other drastic urgent measures include renovating our updated sewage and septic tank system, cleaning the bay from debris and plastic, and restoring our seagrass. Filtering systems such as planting mangroves, cultivating clams or oysters, and bubble walls also should be implemented. Finally, implementing residential and commercial composting could also complement this fertilizer ordinance, as it would divert organic matter from landfill and the compost could then be used as natural fertilizers in the months it is allowed.

Please pass the fertilizer ordinance as a first step towards saving our dying bay.

Respectfully,

First Name Last Name
Miami Beach 33139