

HOW TO WRITE A PETITION

Petition goals can range from changing a school rule to passing a law. Here's a template and tips for how best to communicate your goal and gather the signatures to support it.

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HEADER

Write a short (no more than 10-word) headline that describes the change you'd like to see

Example:

Prevent Genocide

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YOUR STORY

- Provide background on the issue, focusing on the basics of your message
- Clearly and concisely state the change you want to see
- Describe who's responsible for the change
- Conclude your story with a call to action!
- If there's room, include a powerful image or personal story to help potential supporters connect emotionally to the topic.

Example:

*After the Holocaust, many people vowed "Never Again." But unfortunately genocide has continued to occur around the world. In order to better prevent and respond to it, the **Elie Wiesel Genocide and Atrocities Prevention Act** has been created and has strong bipartisan support. If it passes, the U.S. government will create a Mass Atrocities Task Force to lead the prevention of and response to genocide and mass atrocities, as well as train Foreign Service officers how to recognize the warning signs of conflict and mass violence. But we need your help to get this federal legislation passed.*

Learn more about the Act at fcnl.org (Friends Committee on National Legislation). Send a message to your Representatives and Senators to co-sponsor the Act by signing this petition today!

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COLLECT SUPPORTER SIGNATURES

Make sure to look up how many signatures you need. Petitions to the White House, for example, require 100,000 signatures in 30 days.

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