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- Check our calendar for upcoming events and read the "Latest News"
- Find voting information and check your registration
- Connect with us on social media and sign up for our monthly Newsletter
- Connect with the Brunswick Co. Democratic Women's auxiliary
- Read about our mission and values
- Get involved, and more!

## CONTACT YOUR STATE LEGISLATORS (North Carolina General Assembly):

- Representative Frank Iler** (R) District 17  
Email: [Frank.Iler@ncleg.gov](mailto:Frank.Iler@ncleg.gov); Phone: (919) 301-1450
- Representative Charles Miller** (R), District 19  
Email: [Charles.Miller@ncleg.gov](mailto:Charles.Miller@ncleg.gov); Phone: (919) 733-5830
- Senator Bill Rabon** (R), District 8 (Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover)  
Email: [Bill.Rabon@ncleg.gov](mailto:Bill.Rabon@ncleg.gov); Phone: (919) 733-5963

## CONTACT YOUR U.S. CONGRESSMAN AND SENATORS

- Congressman David Rouzer** (R), District 7  
Email: [rouzerforms.house.gov/contact/](http://rouzerforms.house.gov/contact/); Phone: (910) 253-6111
- Senator Thom Tillis** (R)  
Email: [tillis.senate.gov/email-me](http://tillis.senate.gov/email-me); Phone: (202) 224-6342
- Senator Ted Budd** (R)  
Email: [www.budd.senate.gov/share-your-opinion/](http://www.budd.senate.gov/share-your-opinion/); Phone: (202) 224-3154

## ONE-STOP CONTACT WEBSITES - INCLUDING FOR COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS

- Email all three members of Congress at once: <https://democracy.io/#!/>
- Contact information for all of your elected officials at the Federal, State, and Local levels. <https://www.commoncause.org/find-your-representative/addr/>

## ATTEND A LOCAL BOARD MEETING

- Board of Commissioners** ([website](#))  
When: 1st Mon. of the month, 3 -5 p.m. and 3rd Mon. of the month, 6 - 8 p.m.  
Where: Sandifer Administration Bldg, 30 Government Center Drive, Bolivia
- Board of Elections** ([website](#))  
When: 3rd Tues. of the month (\*times vary)  
Where: Sandifer Administration Bldg., 30 Government Center Drive, Bolivia
- School Board** ([website](#))  
When: 1st Tue. of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise specified  
Where: Conference Room of Center of Applied Sciences and Technology (COAST),  
1109 Old Ocean Hwy, Bolivia



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## TIPS FOR CONTACTING ELECTED OFFICIALS

From the [Berkeley Library](#), University of California [edited for length]

Letters, emails, and faxes are effective ways to communicate with your elected officials.

1. **Be Original-** Consider writing your original correspondence. Many legislators consider a thoughtful, original letter from a constituent worth 1000 of the pre-written letters or postcards many organizations provide. Feel free to use a pre-written letter as a base and expand on it with your own words.
2. **Stay Brief-** The maximum length of a letter/email should be 1 page. The letter will most likely be read by a legislative aid and summarized for the legislator, so a brief letter is best.
3. **State Who You Are and What You are Writing About-** Identify yourself as a constituent and why you are writing in the first paragraph. This will keep your letter brief. However, refrain from using lines like "As a citizen and a taxpayer..." Also, if you know the bill by name or bill number state it in the first paragraph, or even the first line, such as "This letter concerns The Letter Writing Act" or something similar.
4. **Personalize Your Letter/Email-** If the legislation you are writing about will affect you personally, tell the legislator. Write a brief personal story about what the legislation will/will not do for you and/or your community.
5. **Personalize Your Relationship-** The more you can personalize your relationship with the legislator, the stronger your letter/email will be. If you voted for the legislator, worked on his/her campaign, or donated money to the legislator or their party, say so. If you ever met the legislator, briefly mention this in your letter. If possible, attend town halls and other public events your legislator holds.
6. **Three Points-** In keeping your correspondence short, consider making no more than three main points or less. Flush out your three strongest points and stick with them.
7. **Be Respectful-** The easiest way to not have your letter read is to be disrespectful. "Dear Idiot" will probably send your letter to the garbage, however taking a firm position on an issue is fine. Do not use profanity.
8. **Include Your Address in Your Signature, Even in Email-** Legislators are busy people and you should never demand a response. However, some legislators will take the time to write back. Including your address also affirms the fact that you are a constituent.
9. **Proper Address-** Below are the ways to address your letters:
  1. Dear President:
  2. Dear Vice President:
  3. Dear Senator (Name):
  4. Dear Representative (Name):
10. **Follow up-** After you have contacted your elected official, follow up on what they did. If he/she voted the way you wanted, consider contacting them to thank him/her. If your legislator did not vote the way you wanted, consider contacting them and respectfully express your disappointment. In any follow-up letter/email, mention the fact that you wrote him/her before the vote was taken.