



Email your Representatives

Personalized emails to your state Senator and Assemblymember are far more effective than form emails or petitions. In general, the more effort and thought you display in contacting your reps, the more seriously they take it. Emailing your reps—and getting friends to do the same—can be a quick and effective means for bringing their attention to an issue.

Step-by-Step

1. **Find out your reps' names and contact info.** You can find them at nyrenews.org/take-action/
2. **Prepare what you're going to say.** Though there is no standardized template (this is after all a personalized email), there are four things you want to do on a constituent call. The email should be no longer than two to three paragraphs.
 - a. Identify yourself as a constituent and elaborate on your history/connections in the district.
 - b. Tell them you care deeply about climate justice, and elaborate on why (e.g., because my community was affected by Superstorm Sandy, because you want to NY create thousands of renewable energy jobs, because you're concerned about your children's future, because dirty energy is harmful to health).
 - c. Ask them this single question: **"Will _____ commit to voting for and prioritizing the Climate and Community Protection Act?"**
 - d. Emphasize respectfully that you expect an answer, and that you look forward to hearing from them.
3. **Email your neighbors.** Take the email you just sent, and forward it to neighbors and other friends in your district. Tell them why you sent the email, and ask if they can send one as well, as a fellow constituent. For example, you might say: "I just emailed our rep _____ about this very important climate bill. In the era of Trump, New York can really lead on this issue if our reps step up, which means they need to hear from their constituents. Could you send them a quick email as well? This kind of personalized communication really can matter, especially in state politics"

4. **Elevate on social media.** If you don't hear back with a solid answer to your questions in a few weeks, let the public know. Post on Facebook and tag your rep, saying they haven't given you an answer to your critical question. Most reps have Facebook pages, just google "[your rep's title and name] facebook" to find it. On their Facebook page, they'll have a handle beginning with the @ symbol right below their profile picture. Tag them by including their handle in your post.