

Ocean and climate change solution: Talk about it!

Climate change can feel overwhelming. One of the important ways you can make a positive difference is by writing a letter to local community leaders (e.g. restaurants, business owners, letters to the editor, civic leaders, etc.). Communicate your concerns about the impacts of rampant atmospheric carbon dioxide on our ocean and climate and share what you've learned about solutions. Focus on solutions that make it easier for more people to reduce rampant carbon dioxide emissions from burning fossil fuels like coal oil and natural gas. You don't have to do this alone; work with people in any community you belong to, your school, church, neighborhood group, sports team or club. Use this template to help you write a letter supporting solutions to ocean and climate change. Keep it informative and under one page typed.

Return Address

Name of your community group
Address
City, State Abbreviation Zip Code

Date

[insert date]

Civic leader's address

[insert civic leader's full name]
Civic leader's address
City, State Abbreviation Zip Code

Salutation

Dear [insert title], Mr. *or* Ms. [insert last name]:

Introduce yourself by stating your name, where you live, what school you attend or community group you are writing from.

My name is [insert your name] and I live in [insert your city, state]. I am currently a [insert grade] student at [insert school name].

Why are you writing to your fellow community members?

I am writing to ask that you consider the impact rampant carbon dioxide emissions released from burning fossil fuels like coal, oil and natural gas have on our environment. **[Include a few**

sentences on how rampant carbon dioxide has an impact on the environment and the organisms living within it. Inform your fellow community member of your efforts to protect marine environments through LiMPETS monitoring. If you have completed your survey(s) add a sentence or two about what you learned. Finish up this section with a sentence about how you think they may be able to help protect marine environments. Be specific!].

Ask for a response

I would appreciate your help and request that you please consider sending me a response to let me know your thoughts on this issue.

Thank your fellow community member for his/her time

Thank you for your time.

End with your signature

Sincerely,
[sign your name]
[clearly write your name if your signature is difficult to read]