

# Letter Writing Guide

Step 1: Hand writing your letter and adding personal touches makes all the difference!

Question: How many letters should I write? Answer: Write to both your representative and senator, and write them often!

Step 2: Address one letter to your senator and one to your representative.

Step 3: Introduce yourself. Let them know you are a constituent and explain why you are writing.

Step 4: Say which band you belong to and why an urban casino is important to you. Use a personal experience, or simply explain that a casino in the Twin Cities area would allow the bands the economic self sufficiency experienced by the other tribes in health care, education, housing, and economic development.

Step 5: Explain why White Earth and Red Lake need the casino legislation.

Step 6: Express your appreciation and ask for a specific response if you would like to receive one.

Step 7: Include your return address (optional).

Insert the date: \_\_\_\_\_

The Honorable Jane Smith  
Minnesota Senate  
75 Martin Luther King Blvd.  
St. Paul, MN 55155

OR

The Honorable Jane Smith  
Minnesota House of Representatives  
100 Martin Luther King Blvd.  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Senator Smith:

OR

Dear Representative Smith

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a constituent. I am writing to ask you to support the Minnesota Indian Urban Casino Act.

I am an enrolled member of the \_\_\_\_\_ band of Chippewa. A casino in the metropolitan area is important to me because \_\_\_\_\_

OR: An urban casino is important to White Earth and Red Lake communities because \_\_\_\_\_

Use your own language - **DO NOT** copy exactly:

White Earth and Red Lake need the Minnesota Indian Urban Casino Act because we want to provide for our basic needs of housing, education, health care and economic development.

The Minnesota Indian Urban Casino Act is designed to generate revenue for the State of Minnesota, Indian communities, needy urban Indians, addiction prevention programs, and the host city.

White Earth and Red Lake Indians need the Minnesota Indian Urban Casino Act for the state and our tribal partners so that we may participate in the prosperity of Indian communities near the state's population centers.

Thank you very much for your time and attention. Please send a reply to my home to let me know if you will support the Minnesota Indian Urban Casino Act.

Sincerely,

Joe Smith  
555 Broadway St.  
Ponemah, MN 55555