

**SAMPLE LETTER** (personalize, as suggested in italics)

Address (if letter)

Date

Dear Senator or Representative \_\_\_\_\_:

I am a member of Good Shepherd United Church of Christ in Cary, NC, and believe that God charged us to be good stewards of the earth. Our church is committed to caring for creation. I also expect NC state government [*or the US government, or office, depending on recipient of letter*] to take a lead in addressing environmental issues in ways that ensure we maintain the beauty and natural resources of the earth God created for us.

I ask you to support legislation that will provide regulations, incentives, research and education for [*whatever specific concern you have*].

*[Example for offshore wind production]:* siting and operation of offshore wind projects in waters off the North Carolina coast. Encouraging offshore wind production can create jobs and promote a healthy business environment, while generating clean energy. Our coast offers excellent resources for providing domestic energy in a way that is friendly to our environment. Using wind power enables us to protect the air, water and natural beauty that make North Carolina a wonderful place to live.

Please protect our natural resources, promote clean energy, and encourage business growth in North Carolina [*or wherever*] by your support of [*whatever specific concern you have, such as offshore wind power.*]

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. As a concerned voter, I am counting on you to protect our natural world and conserve God's resources for us and the generations to follow.

Sincerely,

*[Name, address email and phone]*

**SAMPLE TELEPHONE MESSAGE** (personalize, as suggested in italics)

"Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am your constituent calling from \_\_\_\_\_. I am very concerned about [*name the specific issue/bill*]. Please vote [*yes/no*] on [*the issue/ bill*] when it comes up.

I expect you, as my elected representative, to support legislation which promotes clean energy, clean air and clean water for everyone.

As a person of faith, I believe God expects us to be good stewards of the earth. This [*name the issue or bill*] [*does/does not*] preserve the earth as God intended. Thank you."