

💡 Hold a Letter Writing Campaign 💡

Youth and family members can use their voice to make a difference and educate key leaders on the importance of afterschool programs. Create a letter writing campaign to policymakers in their community to encourage them to support afterschool programs. Here are instructions on how to host your own letter writing campaign:

1. Find your state legislator by [address](#).
2. Write the letter using these templates:
 - a. **Elementary students** can use this [template](#) to write their letters.
 - b. **Middle and high school students** can use the talking points and structure below to write a letter on this [letterhead](#).
 - c. **Middle school students and families attending a REACH afterschool program** can specifically thank their state legislator for the REACH afterschool program, which is the only state-funded afterschool program in Hawai'i. See REACH template letters below.
 - d. **Parents and family members** can also write letters using the talking points and structure below on this [letterhead](#).
3. Mail or email the letters!
4. Let us know who your students contact! And feel free to email the [Hawai'i Afterschool Alliance](#) if you need any help.



Dear _____,

My name is _____, I am a student at _____.

I attend _____ afterschool program.

I love my afterschool program because _____

My afterschool program helps me to _____

Please join me in celebrating Lights On Afterschool on October 19, 2022 and support afterschool programs by keeping the *Lights On Afterschool!*

Mahalo,

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[Template Letter for Elementary Students](#)



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[Letterhead for Middle / High School Student and Family Letters](#)

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Middle/High Student Letter Template	Family Letter Template
<p>Dear Representative/Senator _____,</p> <p>Paragraph 1: Introduce yourself - include your name, school, and which afterschool program you attend.</p> <p>Paragraph 2: Include 2-3 sentences on why you love your afterschool program, what you gain from attending afterschool, and why it's important for students to be able to go to an afterschool program.</p> <p>Paragraph 3: Invite your policymaker to celebrate Lights On Afterschool on October 19, 2022 and support afterschool programs.</p> <p>Mahalo, Signature</p>	<p>Dear Representative/Senator _____,</p> <p>Paragraph 1: Introduce yourself - include your name, which school your kids attend, and which afterschool program they go to.</p> <p>Paragraph 2: Include 2-3 sentences on why you as a parent love your afterschool program, what your children gain from attending afterschool, and why it's important for your kids to be able to go to an afterschool program.</p> <p>Paragraph 3: Invite your policymaker to celebrate Lights On Afterschool on October 19, 2022 and support afterschool programs.</p> <p>Mahalo, Signature</p>

REACH Student Template	REACH Family Template
<p>Dear Representative/Senator _____,</p> <p>Paragraph 1: Introduce yourself - include your name, school, and that you attend your school's REACH afterschool program.</p> <p>Paragraph 2: Thank your state legislator for their support of the REACH program, the only state funded afterschool program in Hawai'i. Include 2-3 sentences on why you love your afterschool program, what you gain from attending afterschool, and why it's important for students to be able to go to an afterschool program.</p> <p>Paragraph 3: Invite your policymaker to celebrate Lights On Afterschool on October 19, 2022 and support afterschool programs.</p> <p>Mahalo, Signature</p>	<p>Dear Representative/Senator _____,</p> <p>Paragraph 1: Introduce yourself - include your name, which school your kids attend, and that they attend their school's REACH afterschool program.</p> <p>Paragraph 2: Thank your state legislator for their support of the REACH program, the only state funded afterschool program in Hawai'i. Include 2-3 sentences on why you as a parent love your afterschool program, what your children gain from attending afterschool, and why it's important for your kids to be able to go to an afterschool program.</p> <p>Paragraph 3: Invite your policymaker to celebrate Lights On Afterschool on October 19, 2022 and support afterschool programs.</p> <p>Mahalo, Signature</p>



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