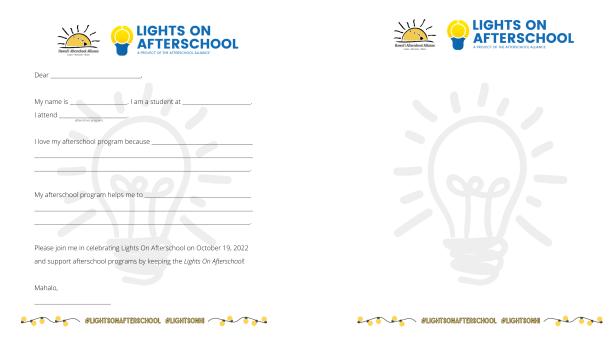
## 💡 Hold a Letter Writing Campaign 💡

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.



Template Letter for Elementary Students

Letterhead for Middle / High School Student and Family Letters





| Middle/High Student Letter Template  | Family Letter Template  |
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| Dear Representative/Senator,   | Dear Representative/Senator,  |
| Paragraph 1: Introduce yourself - include your name, school, and which afterschool program you attend.   | Paragraph 1: Introduce yourself - include your name, which school your kids attend, and which afterschool program they go to.   |
| 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. | 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. |
| Paragraph 3: Invite your policymaker to celebrate Lights On Afterschool on October 19, 2022 and support afterschool programs.  | Paragraph 3: Invite your policymaker to celebrate<br>Lights On Afterschool on October 19, 2022 and<br>support afterschool programs.   |
| Mahalo,<br>Signature   | Mahalo,<br>Signature  |

| REACH Student Template   | REACH Family Template   |
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| Dear Representative/Senator,   | Dear Representative/Senator,  |
| Paragraph 1: Introduce yourself - include your name, school, and that you attend your school's REACH afterschool program.  | Paragraph 1: Introduce yourself - include your name, which school your kids attend, and that they attend their school's REACH afterschool program.  |
| 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. | 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. |
| Paragraph 3: Invite your policymaker to celebrate Lights On Afterschool on October 19, 2022 and support afterschool programs.  | Paragraph 3: Invite your policymaker to celebrate Lights On Afterschool on October 19, 2022 and support afterschool programs.   |
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