**SAMPLE LETTER TO YOUR SENATOR**

You may write any Member of the Senate at:

**Post Office Box 142**

**Columbia, S.C. 29202-0142**

Senate Mailing List [(Word .docx)](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/html-pages/senoff.docx) Merge format.

The sample letter below is provided to show the correct format for addressing your State Senator. It is impossible to provide one letter that would meet the needs of all students; so, you will need to personalize your letter to address your concerns or issues regarding legislation. Please use the left-hand column as a guide for the format, but make the letter unique to your needs!

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| **Return Address**  **Date**  **Senator’s Address**  **Salutation**  **Introduce yourself: your name, address and school to identify that you are a constituent**  **Why are you writing your Senator?**  **Ask for a response**  **Thank your Senator for his/her time**  **Closing with your name** | Your Name  Address  City, S.C. Zip Code  [Insert Date]  The Honorable [Insert Senator’s Name]  Post Office Box 142  Columbia, S.C. 29202-0142  Dear Senator [Insert Last Name]:  My name is [Insert Your Name] and I reside at [Insert Your Address] in [Insert Your City], South Carolina. I am in the fourth grade at [Insert Your School].  I am writing you to ask that you help make school buses safer to ride. I ride the bus to and from school every day.  **[Be specific with your suggestion, idea or request. If you are writing about a specific Bill, include the Bill Number -**  **for example, H. 5400 or. S. 2815]**  I appreciate your help and ask that you please send me a response letting me know if you are able to pass a Bill that would make our school buses safer to ride.  Thank you for your time and considering my request.  Sincerely,  [Insert Your Name] |