

# LTE Template (Fill-In Friendly)

## HOOK IDEAS

*"Your article (article name) made an important point about challenges in the community."*

*"Children will soon be home for the summer. While many think about vacations, too many parents are worrying about how to feed their families."*

## ENGAGE

*Share who you are, your experience, opinion, or values.*

As a **[parent / health care worker / student / advocate]** I've seen firsthand how hard it is to make ends meet right now. Our community deserves better.

## PROBLEM - INFORM

*Frame the problem in your own words. Make it personal and local.*

Last year, Congress cut critical programs like SNAP and Medicaid, putting food assistance and health care at risk for millions of people. At the same time, the Administration dismantled global health programs that have long saved lives and reduced poverty worldwide.

These decisions have real consequences. **[Name impacts that are most important to you. For example: Families struggle to afford food. People lose access to health care. Deaths from preventable illness increase abroad.]**

Budget choices aren't just numbers on a page. They reflect whose lives are valued and whose are not.

## CALL TO ACTION

This year, **(your member of Congress's name)** has a responsibility to do better. They must invest in people by strengthening SNAP and housing assistance, and by recommitting to global partnerships that save lives.