

Letter to Constituents

We have now finished debating the difficult question: **Was the government justified in restricting civil liberties in order to maintain peace and security?** You as a Senator voted on this measure and now need to explain your vote to your constituents, or the people who voted for you in the last election. These are the people you represent and will vote on you again in the next election. It is important they understand why you voted the way you did so they can make a good decision on whether or not to support you in your bid for re-election. You will explain how you voted, give two reasons with historical facts to explain why you voted that way, and then give one potential reason someone might give for criticizing you and why they are wrong to do so.

Your letter should look like this:

Dear constituents:

I recently voted _____ (yes/no) on the difficult question of whether or not our government was justified in restricting civil liberties in order to maintain peace and security.

I voted this way because:

1. Reason 1 (value):
Historical facts/data

2. Reason 2 (value):
Historical facts/data

3. Some people will criticize my decision because:
Historical facts/data

4. They are wrong because:
Historical facts/data

Close by thanking them for their time and attention, you will keep them informed of all major votes, and hope you can count on their continued support, etc.