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Emails should be short and to the point.

**Let them know that you live in their district.**

Sample emails:

Dear Senator Johnson,

I am writing you because **I live in your district** and I want my voice to be heard. I am aware that several bills have been filed that would allow smaller cities to impose residency restrictions for people who are required to register as sex offenders. I am hoping that you and your staff have researched this issue because these type of restrictions can actually make communities less safe. With over 86,000 people listed on the Texas public registry, I would think that lawmakers would not want to create homelessness by enacting laws based on myth and fear. I am counting on you to look into the research on residency restrictions before jumping on the bandwagon in support of policies that cause more harm than good.

Sincerely,

Jane Doe  
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Dear Representative Jones,

**I live in your district** and would like to thank you for your service to the state of Texas. I am writing because I am opposed to the numerous bills that have been filed which would effectively banish registered sex offenders from small cities by allowing these cities to impose residency restrictions. Please keep in mind, there are over 86,000 registered citizens in Texas and many have families (including children). Decades of research consistently show that residency restrictions do not stop or reduce sex crimes. In fact, Residency Restriction laws are counter-productive and can cause offenders to become homeless, to change residences without notifying authorities of their new locations, to register false addresses or to simply disappear.

Please do your part to ensure safer communities for all Texans- Registry Restrictions are nothing more than a comfort factor and cause more harm than good.

Respectfully,

Mary Parker  
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Dear Representative Davis,

**I am a constituent of House District 21** and I am thankful for the opportunity to speak out. I am opposed to the number of bills that have been filed which would allow General Law Cities to impose Residency Restrictions on people who are required to register as 'sex offenders'. My son is one of the 86,000 Texas citizens on that list and it is already almost impossible for my son and his family to find adequate housing. Please understand that decades of research do not support the theory that residency restrictions make communities safer. In fact, these type of restrictions have been shown to make communities less safe.

I would be happy to provide for you and/or your staff, additional information on the unintended consequences of residency restrictions.

Thank you for your consideration.

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