

**SAMPLE LETTER FOR:
CURRENT PITT STUDENT
PARENT OF PITT STUDENT
PITT FACULTY OR STAFF**

*Please keep in mind that sample letters should be used as a guide only: you should personalize your letters with your own comments and experiences to have maximum impact.
Legislators can spot a form letter a mile away!*

Your Full Name
Home Address
City, State, Zip Code

[Insert Date]

The Honorable [insert full name]
District Address
City, State, Zip Code

Dear Representative [or Senator] [Insert last name]:

[TELL YOUR PITT STORY: Introduce yourself as a constituent, why Pitt is important to you, how your Pitt degree will or has help(ed) you, or friends or acquaintances that you may have in common].

As a [state your Pitt affiliation, i.e. student] of the University of Pittsburgh, I am concerned about the future of public higher education in Pennsylvania. At a time when college has become more important than ever to appropriately educate a workforce and to ensure an individual's economic success, the Commonwealth is faced with the prospect of compromising this economic engine as students receive higher education from our neighboring states where they find better educational funding. As they leave this state, they take with them skills and human capital that are vital to the future of Pennsylvania.

I am asking you to support the University of Pittsburgh and public higher education. If the Commonwealth's state-related public higher education institutions are to continue to succeed as the universities of choice for Pennsylvania students and serve as economic engines for job creation in our region, the loss of funding must be reversed for the University of Pittsburgh in particular. Please contact your party's leadership and ask them to support increased funding for the University of Pittsburgh.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]