

Sample Letter to the Editor

Yesterday, [this paper published an article stating that...]. **As a community member working to reform the police department**, I [agree/disagree, insert position].

Evidence shows that [insert data, research, or stories demonstrating the impact of the issue on communities and public safety].

[Describe best practices and where they have been successfully implemented.]. **Adopting policies that address** [issue] **would** [positive impact of proposed solution.].

It is time [city or locality] **began adopting commonsense solutions to the issue of** [issue or problem], **which will result in a more transparent and accountable police department and a safer place for all** [city's or locality's] **residents.**

[Insert Call to Action]

Sincerely,

[Name, contact information]