# How to Write a Letter to the Editor on Abortion

The National Post recently ran two front-page stories on <u>late-term abortion</u> after undercover <u>videos</u> revealed what happens inside Canadian abortion clinics. This is an important moment to speak up for protecting pre-born children and to remind Canadians that our country still has no abortion laws! Consider writing a Letter to the Editor to the National Post or to another local paper to highlight this issue. Follow the steps below to get started!

## Step 1: Draft your letter

- Keep it short (200-300 words)
- Stick to the main idea and talking points
- Be respective and polite
- Suggested Outline:
  - Opening: Start by saying why you are writing.
    - If you are responding to the National Post article on late term abortion, be sure to mention that (*I am responding to...*)
    - If you are writing to a different paper, introduce the issue and why it matters.
  - Middle: Explain your main idea clearly.
    - Give one or two reasons or examples to support your point.
    - Include facts, examples or personal experiences (check out <u>We Need a</u>
      <u>Law</u> for helpful resources or use the talking points below)
  - Closing: End by restating your main point in a clear way.
    - Suggest a solution or ask readers to think about the issue.

## Pro-life Talking Points:

- Human rights are for all human beings.
  - A person's size, location or age does not determine their value.
- Women deserve better than abortion.
  - Promoting abortion avoids dealing with other problems women face.
- Governments have the obligation to uphold human rights.
  - The government must protect human rights, especially for the vulnerable.
- Canada has no abortion law.
  - Abortion is legal at any gestational age, for any reason.
- Canadians have common ground on this.
  - Most Canadians agree that abortion should not be used for sex selection, and that abortions should be illegal in the second or third trimester.

## Step 2: Choose Where to Submit your letter

Check out the links below for popular papers in Canada, or look up your own local paper. Fill out the form and include your letter in the comment box:

- <u>The National Post</u> (\*Respond to the article about late term abortion!)
- The Toronto Sun
- The Toronto Star
- The Hamilton Spectator
- The Globe and Mail (email your letter to letters@globeandmail.com)
- Waterloo Region Record
- The London Free Press
- The Winnipeg Free Press
- The Winnipeg Sun
- The Calgary Sun
- The Calgary Harold
- The Edmonton Journal
- The Edmonton Sun
- The Vancouver Sun
- The Province

## Step 3: Post it on Leaderboards!

Take a screenshot of your submission and post it on <u>ARPA Leaderboards!</u> Keep an eye on your newspaper's website to see if your letter gets published. If it does, take another screenshot and submit it as a Media Mention for more points!