

Send a Letter to Your Member of Parliament

Direct letters are one of the most powerful ways to make your voice heard to your MP, driving them to act and to respond directly to you.

Use this template to get your letter started, but make sure to personalize it to speak to what you think is most important and why you think Canada needs to do more to support the global response.

[Date]

[Name and Title of MP - check correct title in [MP list](#)]

[Address - [confirm here](#)]

Dear Mr./Ms./Mrs./Honourable _____,

Canada's Leadership in the Global Response to COVID-19

[Personal introduction about yourself and why you are writing to them. Example below]

I write to you today as a member of your constituency in regards to Canada's role in the global response to COVID-19, and to ask that you call on the government to increase our support for the global response to the pandemic. I am deeply concerned about marginalized communities around the world that do not have the same access to health care that we are lucky to have here in Canada.

[Thank them for any action they or the government have taken related to the global COVID-19 response. Example below]

It was very encouraging to hear the government's recent commitments to the global COVID-19 response, namely the contribution of \$440 million for the Vaccine Global Access Facility and \$400 million in new and additional aid to address the humanitarian impacts of COVID-19 on those most vulnerable around the world.

[Letter Body – Discuss the problem and suggested solutions.]

This is a good start, but in the face of this global emergency and the danger it poses around the world, I believe that we must mobilize to do even more. More than 1-million people globally have already been killed by COVID-19 and many more lives are at risk due to the secondary impacts of the pandemic.

I believe that global solidarity is the only way to put an end to the global COVID-19 pandemic. This means investing more in a globally coordinated emergency response that can meet the immediate medical and humanitarian need and also be springboard to invest in strengthening local health systems over the long term, building back better to provide health care for all. The Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator (ACT Accelerator) is our best option to do this. The international coalition of global health agencies is committed to accelerating the development, production, and equitable access to COVID-19 tests, treatments, and vaccines while strengthening health systems around the world. To meet the unprecedented challenge posed by the pandemic, the World Health Organization is calling on all nations to commit at least 1% of their COVID-19 funding to support this global response.

[Call to Action]

Canada has made significant commitments to supporting the global response and the ACT accelerator, but we can do more. I believe that Canada should meet this global call to action, committing at least 1% of our national response (approximately CAD\$2 billion) to addressing the pandemic globally.

I highly encourage you to use your voice to support this request. You can do so by writing to the Minister of International Development, and calling for the government to make additional commitments to at least reach the 1% target.

[Thank them for their attention to your letter. Ask for a response or copies of any replies they receive on your behalf.]

A copy of your correspondence would be appreciated. Thank you for taking the time to attend to my letter, and I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

Signature

Your Name

Address

Contact Phone Number