

Following Up Your Meeting

Send a follow-up letter or a neatly written thank you card within a week or so after your visit. Keep the letter brief and thank your legislator for his time. Do not bring up issues or request votes in the follow-up letter.

If you were unable to answer a particular question at the meeting, or if you were asked for additional information, you may include it in your follow-up letter. Be sure that any item sent is legible, especially if it is a copy of an original document or article. Each item should be properly labeled with title, source, and date. Check your letter for neatness, spelling, and grammar.

Sample Letter to Follow up Your Meeting

Mr. & Mrs. John Doe
12345 Maple Avenue
Bell, California 67890
July 8, 2019

The Honorable Bill Brown
California State Assembly [or California State Senate]
State Capitol, Room [####]
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Assembly Member Brown, [or Dear Senator Brown,]

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us last Thursday afternoon. We enjoyed having the opportunity to share our thoughts about home education.

In answer to your question about the growth of home schooling, we have checked with Private & Home Educators for more recent statistics. As a conservative estimate, the US Department of Education estimated that there were between 173,000 and 212,000 K-12 home educated children in California in the spring of 2016. The National Home Education Research Institute (NHERI) also did a careful analysis and estimated more California homeschoolers than the USDE, at about 235,000 to 285,000 students. There are about 2.3 million home-educated students in the United States (as of Spring 2016), and it appears that the homeschool population continues to grow at an estimated 2% to 8% per annum.

Thank you again for your interest in this issue.

Sincerely,

John Doe