

Sample Student Letter to New York State Legislators

A Template for New York Students

Students: Please personalize this letter. Add your own experiences, concerns, questions, or recommendations. The goal is to make your own voice heard—not simply to copy a form letter. Click to [find your assembly person](#), [find your senator](#), or [find your congressional representative](#).

Subject: Student Perspective on Packaging Waste and Extended Producer Responsibility

Dear Senator/Assemblymember **[LAST NAME]**,

My name is **[YOUR NAME]**, and I am a student at **[SCHOOL NAME]** in **[CITY/TOWN]**, New York. I am writing as a member of **New York Students for Responsible Packaging**, a statewide, student-led initiative focused on educating young people about packaging waste, recycling, sustainability, and environmental policy.

As a student and member of my community, I am interested in how New York can address the growing challenges associated with packaging waste and recycling. I recently learned about **Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)** and legislation being considered in New York that could change how packaging is managed.

EPR is a policy approach that would place greater responsibility on producers for the costs and management of packaging after consumers are finished with it. I believe it is important for students and other members of the public to understand both the potential benefits and the challenges associated with policies like EPR.

[ADD 2–4 SENTENCES ABOUT YOUR OWN PERSPECTIVE.]

For example, you might discuss:

- What you have observed about recycling or packaging waste in your community or school.
- Why reducing waste matters to you.
- What you learned while researching EPR.
- A question or concern you have about the proposed legislation.

- Why you believe students should have a voice in environmental policy.

I am writing to ask that you **[SUPPORT / OPPOSE / CONSIDER CHANGES TO / LEARN MORE ABOUT]** legislation concerning Extended Producer Responsibility and packaging in New York.

In particular, I hope you will consider **[ADD YOUR SPECIFIC REQUEST, QUESTION, OR RECOMMENDATION]**.

I understand that legislation can have complex environmental, economic, and practical consequences, and I appreciate the responsibility that comes with making these decisions. I encourage you to consider perspectives from students, consumers, municipalities, businesses, environmental organizations, and other members of our communities as you evaluate these policies.

I would also appreciate hearing your perspective on **[ADD A QUESTION FOR YOUR LEGISLATOR, IF DESIRED]**.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to the perspective of a student in your district and for your service to our community. I believe young people should have opportunities to learn about public policy and participate respectfully in decisions that will affect our future.

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]

[GRADE / SCHOOL, OPTIONAL]

[CITY/TOWN], NY

[EMAIL, OPTIONAL]

Learn more about New York Students for Responsible Packaging and Extended Producer Responsibility at [EPRFootprint.org](https://www.eprfootprint.org).