

INDOCHINA POLITICAL ACTION GROUP
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PLEASE WRITE YOUR CONGRESSMEN AND YOUR SENATORS

If you are concerned about the recent extensions of the war, it is critical that you express your concern NOW. Opposition to recent war decisions by Nixon is mounting in Congress, but your representatives need YOUR support. ANY COMMUNICATION IS BETTER THAN NONE. WRITE NOW. Some suggestions for more effective letters are given below.

Don't copy your letter from elsewhere. Don't send a mimeographed letter.

Do make the letter and your opinions your own. Relate your arguments to the local situation.

Don't be personally abusive. Be sincere.

Do express your intention to support your representative in the future if he follows the course you suggest in your letter. At least imply your support. This is your representative's major incentive to listen to you.

Do be informed about your representative. Mention some knowledge about his past positions and votes. Mention his committee assignments, particularly if it is a critical committee on this issue (such as the House or Senate Armed Services or Foreign Relations Committees). Compliment him if you can.

Do express some information about the issues involved. Be as specific as you can. Mention Cambodia, the bombing extension, the delay in bringing troops home. You can get factual information on Vietnam and Cambodia from the Concerned Asian scholars in the East Asian Center, 551 Salvatierra, Stanford University.

Do write at long enough length to demonstrate your knowledge and concern about the issues, but be concise.

Don't write in cliches (Get out of Cambodia! Bring our boys home!) However even cliches are better than no expressed opinion at all.

Do, if you feel this way, emphasize that we are at a critical point in the functioning of our democracy; Congress must respond to popular concern about the extension of the war to prevent the spread of further violence.

FINALLY, BE SURE TO:

- tell your representative you are his constituent if you are
- mention your vote if you are a registered voter

Ask your friends and family members to write or telegram or call. Write or send a copy of your letter to your hometown newspapers and school newspapers.

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