

Suggested Verbiage for your local Assemblymember

Dear Assemblymember (enter your local assemblymember's name),

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(enter your professional contact information here)

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