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2. Use the following format for addresses:

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3. Write on personal stationary, LCMS letterhead, or on plain paper. A personal letter is best! Your return address should be on the letter, not just the envelope. This will enable your legislator to reply.
4. Do not use postcards or form letters except when advised to do so by the FMA legislative Affairs Office or the CMS Legislative Committee
5. A good rule to follow is one subject per letter. Try to keep your letter to one page no matter how important the issue. This gives your letter more impact and makes a reply easier. It also takes up less the staff's and legislator's time
6. Make clear the position of the issue you are on, and ask the legislator to support your position.
7. Refer to exact bill numbers if available and short or popular titles.
8. Don't threaten or write in a belligerent tone.
9. Don't remind them of broken promises
10. Don't write so often that your letters lose their impact.
11. Illustrate your position with a local example.
12. Sign your name legibly and type your name under your signature.
13. Time your letters to arrive far enough in advance to be effective.