

Selected Newspaper's Policies Regarding Letters to the Editor

1. The Florida Times-Union in Jacksonville, Florida

...Letters from politicians and others who have ready access to the media generally are less likely to be used than those from average citizens. We cannot acknowledge the receipt of all mail or supply reasons why letters are not used...

...Letters should be signed, except e-mail. Please include a full name, home address, occupation and daytime phone number, for verification purposes. The name, city of residence and, usually, occupation of writers are published.

2. The Oregonian in Portland, Oregon

...Please limit letters to 150 words. Please include your full address and daytime phone number, for verification only. Letters may be edited for length and clarity.

3. The Herald-Palladium in Southwest, Michigan (Benton Harbor)

Letters should be brief. Writers should try to limit their letters to 300 words...All letters will be verified. Writers should include their addresses and daytime phone numbers on their letters. We will try to verify by mail those letters we can't verify by phone. Unverified letters will not be published...Letters must be of general public interest. Complaints or compliments about businesses or individuals that deal with private matters will not be used.

4. Washington Post, Washington, D.C.

Letters must be exclusive to The Washington Post, and must include the writer's home address and home and business telephone numbers. Because of space limitations, those published are subject to abridgment.

5. New York Times, New York City, New York

Letters to the editor should only be sent to The Times, and not to other publications. We do not publish open letters or third-party letters. Letters for publication should be no longer than 150 words, must refer to an article that has appeared within the last seven days, and must include the writer's address and phone numbers.