

# Put **Your** Knowledge into **Action**

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## **Tips** for writing an effective **Letter to the Editor:**

- Make your main point at the beginning of your letter
- We live in a soundbite world, so keep it short; many papers have a 250 word max.
- Facts are helpful - have a reliable source
- Speak from the heart - personal stories are powerful; don't be too wonky

## **Great Resources to Learn More**

### **Research and Information:**

- **Minnesota Budget Project**  
website: [www.mnbudgetproject.org](http://www.mnbudgetproject.org)  
blog: <http://minnesotabudgetbites.org>
- **Minnesota Department of Health & Human Services (DHS):** <http://mn.gov/dhs>
- **Minnesota 20/20:** [www.mn2020.org](http://www.mn2020.org)
- **MPR News:** MPR News Primer: Federal health care law (Dec. 4, 2012)  
<http://minnesota.publicradio.org/display/web/2012/06/13/acaprimer>
- **Office of Social Justice:** <http://www.osjspm.org/>
- **Take Action Minnesota:** [www.takeactionminnesota.org/people\\_at\\_the\\_center/199](http://www.takeactionminnesota.org/people_at_the_center/199)

### **Government:**

- **Minnesota House:** [www.house.leg.state.mn.us](http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us)
- **Minnesota House info:** <http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/hinfo/hinfo.htm>
- **Minnesota House Publications:** <http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/pubs.htm>  
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**Session Daily (House Publication):** <http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/hinfo/sdaily.asp>
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