

Make a Statement



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“We couldn’t be more pro-life. We are pro
the lives of girls, women, and children
all around the world who cannot be here.

We are for their lives.”

— Kathy Najimy, March for Women’s Lives

What this guide is:

A reference to consult when writing letters. Use the words, ideas, and examples provided to help build a stronger letter.

What this guide is not:

Something to be intimidated by. Use your letter to convey your personal beliefs, passion, and spirit.

There is **power** in your **voice**...
make it heard!

Mission



The **mission** of Planned Parenthood of Northeast Ohio is to:

Provide essential **reproductive health care** services to women and men in our local northeast Ohio communities.

Provide mainstream **birth control** services to prevent unintended pregnancy.

Serve as a leader in breast and cervical **cancer screening and prevention**.

Prevent and treat sexually transmitted infection.

Supply medically accurate **sexuality education**.

PPNEO's mission is reflected in our **mission statement**:

Planned Parenthood of Northeast Ohio strengthens individuals, families and communities by promoting healthy and responsible decision-making about parenthood, relationships and sexual health.

Writing about Planned Parenthood

For various reasons, supporters of Planned Parenthood often face opposition from those who do not understand our mission and services. It can be difficult to deal with the opposition and the rhetorical techniques they employ.

This manual is designed to help you understand the language and imagery of the anti-choice movement, and to assist you in drafting responses that are rational, sound and affective.

We encourage you to draft letters while you are angered or upset about something happening in our community. We also encourage you to review those letters later, and make any necessary changes to ensure that your arguments are calm and concise, yet able to move a reader.

Our goal for this program is to mobilize Planned Parenthood supporters and empower them to use mass media to create change. You are a valued member of the choice community, and you can use your voice to inspire others to stand up for unfair attacks against Planned Parenthood, and to remind the greater community of the huge impact PPNEO has on the health and welfare of our women, men and teens.

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make it heard!

Tell Me More...



What are we doing?

We are tired of seeing sexual and women's health ignored and misrepresented by the mainstream media. To make up for this, we aim to publish as many letters as possible to bring **positive** attention to Planned Parenthood and its issues.

What do we ask of you?

Every month, we will send you a writing prompt via e-mail, including an original article source, talking points, resources for further research (if you need this to feel comfortable writing the letter), and any other special instructions.

You **write** the letter, and then send it to whichever media outlet you choose. We ask that this be done within three days of your receiving the letter, depending on your schedule. Then, send your letter to us so we can keep track of how many are submitted and published!

You'll also receive information about articles and letters related to PPNEO as they happen. This will give you a chance to respond to contemporary issues quickly, in addition to writing on the monthly proactive prompt.

Why should you get involved?

Because Planned Parenthood is **awesome**, yet we've been at the losing end of a conservative public relations campaign for years. This is your chance to fight back against a vocal minority.

Plus, we'll give you free stuff. If you become a regular contributor to our Letter to the Editor campaign, you will earn points towards rewards such as stickers, t-shirts, books, tote bags, and other fun items!

What types of letters are we writing?

There are two types of letters we will be writing:

- ◆ **Reactive** letters respond to an item or news story that has appeared in the media, which we feel needs a response framed in the context of sexual health and rights.
- ◆ **Proactive** letters are not a response, they are on an original subject that we feel the media has been ignoring. By writing the letter, we hope to bring more attention to the issue.

Am I writing on behalf of Planned Parenthood?

Nope—you're writing on behalf of yourself as an individual. Your voice as a member of the community carries more weight than that of someone who works at PPNEO. Employees are often accused of being biased in their responses, or of having an alternative agenda.

We want you to write from your own personal experiences—write from your life story. You, as a Planned Parenthood supporter, are our biggest advocate, and we want what you write to be affected not only by news stories and facts, but also by the experiences you've had in your life that have made you a Planned Parenthood supporter.

Are there resources available to me?

Yes! In addition to multiple online and print resources we will help you locate, you will always have access to Planned Parenthood staff members who can help you sort through your ideas, draft a letter, or provide editing help.

We're here to help you be successful!

Technical Info



Not everyone is an experienced professional when it comes to writing letters to the editor—but everyone can be!

The following information will help you format your letters and give you some tips and tricks to getting your letter published.

Unfortunately, not every letter you send will be published, but there are things you can do to help increase your chances of appearing on the Opinion Page.

If you're an old pro, or if you have a different format you like, do what works for you. The most important thing is that you are comfortable expressing your opinion, and that your support for Planned Parenthood is getting some attention!

Formatting Your Letter



Letter Format:

Introduction: State the issue you're responding to as briefly as possible (cite the original article if writing a reactive letter).

State your position on the issue.

Present evidence.

- ◆ Use facts and figures whenever possible.
- ◆ Use credible sources.
- ◆ Don't make personal attacks—these letters will most likely be ignored.

Close with a restatement of your position and a “zinger” statement.

Include your name, home address, phone number, and e-mail address.

Example of Formatting

Example:

Introduction: State the issue you're responding to as briefly as possible (cite the original article if writing a reactive letter).

Congressman Steve Chabot's use of campaign funding to attempt to halt the move of a Planned Parenthood clinic (Chabot attacks Planned Parenthood, 7/31) is unfair to campaign contributors, and uninformed.

State your position on the issue.

Planned Parenthood's move to Ferguson Road will be beneficial to the West Side community in many ways.

Present evidence.

- ◆ Use facts and figures whenever possible.
- ◆ Use credible sources.
- ◆ Don't make personal attacks—these letters will most likely be ignored.

The clinic's move is less than three miles from its current location—which has been in the neighborhood for more than twenty years! This health center does not provide abortion, and more than 90% of its patients are over the age of 18.

Close with a restatement of your position and a “zinger” statement.

Accusing Planned Parenthood of “luring teens” in the West Side so it can profit from abortions is ludicrous. Perhaps if Chabot and his supporters spent their time talking to their children about sexuality at home, their children wouldn't need education from Planned Parenthood.

Include your name, home address, phone number, and e-mail address.

Tips for Writing

Tips:

Keep it concise (100-150 words).

- ◆ Short letters are more likely to be read and remembered.
- ◆ Editors will edit letters for length, and keeping your words concise gives some control over what is eventually printed.
- ◆ If you have a letter that is too long, but you feel is incredibly persuasive, you may consider submitting it as an editorial or op-ed.

Write **short paragraphs** (maximum 3-4 sentences per paragraph).

Focus on **one main point**, supported with compelling evidence.

If you have a **personal experience** with a topic, don't be afraid to use it.

Proofread your letter for grammar, spelling, and punctuation errors.

Most importantly, **use your own words**: If you're using another letter as a model, avoid using the same phrases or wording. Editors don't like 'canned' letters and if they receive several letters that are too similar, will likely not print any of them.

We ask that you submit the letter within three days; however, it is best to write the letter **as soon as possible** while you are still passionate and before the task slips your mind.

Finally, **follow up** with the editor: After submitting your letter, if you haven't heard from newspaper staff within a few days, contact the editorial page editor to make sure they received your letter. Ask directly if and when it will be printed.

*We aren't expecting perfect letters; what's more important is that your writing reflects your individual voice and opinion, and that you're making an effort to **CHANGE** the status quo.*

What Happens When I'm Published?

Celebrate!

First, take a minute to celebrate! The newspapers receive many letters, and not every writer gets to see their words in newsprint!

Cut it out!

Clip out the article and the header of the page it's printed on—including at least the name of the newspaper and the date—and stick it on your fridge, or some other place where it will motivate you to write more!

Brag about yourself!

Make sure you tell your friends, family members and Planned Parenthood staff about your success. We don't want to miss any positive letters—and we want to brag about your success as well! Also, if you were published in a regional or statewide paper, let your local or community paper know you were published and ask them to run it in theirs. The more eyes on your work, the better!

Let your legislator know!

Most importantly, let your legislator see your work. Elected officials and others collect letters across their districts to track constituent's opinions and monitor the political environment. Again, clip out the article and the header of the page it's printed on—including at least the name of the newspaper and the date— photocopy the two onto one page, and fax it to your elected officials. You may want to include a note about yourself and where you live. Also, if an email address is available to communicate with them and your letter is available online, emailing them the link to your letter is best.

To find who represents you:

Ohio General Assembly: <http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/>

U.S. House of Representatives: <http://www.house.gov/>

U.S. Senate: <http://www.senate.gov/>

Priorities & Language

adapted from the Planned Parenthood Style Guide

Not quite sure what to say or how to say it?

No problem!

Focus on these four priorities:

access

private, personal decisions

responsibility and prevention

sound science

access

- ◆ Focus on prevention and responsible decision making — decreasing need for abortion through family planning and medically accurate, age-appropriate sex education.
- ◆ Contraception is basic health care.
- ◆ Rights have no borders: global family planning enables people around the world to make the private, personal choices that are best for their health and their families.

words used to convey access

justice	courage	comprehensive
health	choice (choices)	rights
human rights	barrier-free	families
pro-choice	equality	services
complete	poverty	freedom
economic justice	knowledge	
accurate	options	

words used to describe opponents' efforts

deny	block	unequal
limit	mislead	restrict
unplanned	discriminate	marginalize

"Beyond affordable birth control, there is a need to invest in family planning programs that promote prevention and reduce the number of unintended pregnancies by ensuring every woman has access to health care and every teen gets the information she needs to make responsible decisions."

Cecile Richards, President, Planned Parenthood Federation of America

Private, Personal Decisions

private, personal decisions

- ◆ Decisions about childbearing should be made by a woman in consultation with her family, her doctor, and her conscience, not by the government or politicians.
- ◆ Government or politicians should not intrude on private, moral, and medical decisions, such as abortion, or when or how many children women choose to have.
- ◆ Planned Parenthood will take every step within the law to protect the sacred right to medical privacy and to prevent the unwanted gaze of government intrusion.
- ◆ For 90 years, millions of women, men, and teens and families have entrusted their health to us, and we work every day to honor that trust.
- ◆ Americans deserve Supreme Court justices who will protect our rights.

words used to convey privacy

freedom	private	conscience
human rights	responsible	trust
covenant	personal	relationships
civic	compassion	doctor-patient
protection	respect	relationship
confidentiality	constitutional rights	

words used to describe opponents' efforts

violate	exploitation
interference	overreach
invasion	violate
restrict women's rights	intrude upon

Responsibility & Prevention

responsibility and prevention

- ◆ Planned Parenthood is focused on prevention and responsible decision making.
- ◆ Planned Parenthood works to reduce numbers of unintended pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections.
- ◆ Planned Parenthood believes in medically accurate, age-appropriate sex education that teaches abstinence and provides information about contraception and disease prevention.
- ◆ Planned Parenthood understands that wanted pregnancies lead to healthier pregnancies, children, and families.

words used to convey responsibility and prevention

empowerment	informed	responsibility
respect	equality	comprehensive
care	knowledge	trust
information	planned	effective
healthy families	concern	
health	ability	

words used to describe opponents' efforts

irresponsible	misinformed	biased
driven by ideology	extremist	distorted
junk science	skewed	flawed
harmful	unfortunate	wrong

Sound Science

sound science

- ◆ Planned Parenthood health information and services are based on the best science available.
- ◆ Public health decisions should be based on science and medicine, not ideology.

words used to convey sound science

evidence-based	neutral	trust
credible	technology	evidence
informed	leader	truth
expert	accurate	reliable
sound science	unbiased	honest
medically accurate	sound	knowledge

words used to describe opponents' efforts

distorting	inaccurate	ignore
wrong	lies	(ignorance)
misinformation	disregard	baseless claim
false	ideological	unethical
disrespect	agenda	censored
withholding funds	flawed	marginalize
biased	untrue	
	deny (access)	

"As a health care provider and advocate for women's reproductive health needs, PPFA has a strong interest in ensuring that decisions made in the areas of medical research and technology are based on sound science and medicine."

-Planned Parenthood Report on the Administration & Congress

Sample Letters

Give youths info they need about sexual health

I agree with the “Your Voice” column **“Make respect, not choice, new life buzz word”** (Aug. 1). The writer said we should make respect the new buzz word. Respect youth by engaging them in creating solutions and in developing programs and policies that affect their well-being and sexual health. Respect young people’s right to accurate and complete sexual health information, confidential reproductive and sexual health services. Respect young people by providing them with the tools they need to safeguard their sexual health. Respect that youth can be responsible and protect themselves from too early childbearing and sexually transmitted infections.

Perhaps if we treat young people with respect they’ll grow to make decisions based on respect for themselves, their partners and their community.

Melissa Meyer

Westlake

The writer did a great job referencing a previous article, acknowledging the individual’s points, and incorporating them into her own views, using similar language. Her points are repeated for emphasis.

The last sentence is the “zinger,” again taking the key words from the first article and reclaiming them for this opinion.

Planned Parenthood performs valuable services (Cincinnati Program)

Regarding **“New ads pushing for new ‘A-word’”** (Aug. 20): I can’t believe the hue and cry over Planned Parenthood. Look at the term “planned parenthood.” It seems to me we need more of that. Many of the world’s problems stem from overpopulation.

When I was young (18) and had already begun experimenting with sex, Planned Parenthood gave me counseling, medical attention and contraception. Without their help, I could easily have ended up pregnant, single and scared. I attended many free seminars to talk about acting responsibly, choosing the right partner and planning families. I was educated, and knowledge is power.

The recent abstinence-only methods of sex education remind me of the dark ages when women were forbidden to learn about their own bodies and options. Parents should be welcoming this service and not condemning it.

Linda Dirk

Cleves

This writer gives great personal stories, connecting the issue to an individual experience. She also emphasizes the good work PP continues to do, and connects it to a hot button issue—sex education.

Bringing parents into the conversation also empathizes the need for discussion at home.

Do You Know About PPNEO?



PPNEO served over 55,000 clients last year and provided over 80,000 medical visits.

PPNEO has 17 health centers throughout the region that serve 21 counties in Ohio.

Planned Parenthood is a *safety-net provider*. This means that no one can be turned away from our clinic because of an inability to pay.

Planned Parenthood accepts Medicaid, private insurance and provides a sliding scale for our patients who have neither, or choose not to use their insurance.

PPNEO provides information and counseling to all of our patients about their health care, birth control method, and/or test results.

Last year, PPNEO served 28,262 people through education and outreach programs designed to promote healthy and responsible decision-making about parenthood, relationships and sexual health.

PPNEO provides education, workshops and trainings to individuals, families, schools, community organizations, religious institutions, youth serving agencies and professionals.

Contrary to popular belief, not all of our patients are women. Not all of our patients are teenagers. Not all of our patients are uninsured.

Our patients are a diverse group of individuals who all come from different backgrounds and have different needs.

PPNEO provides a broad range of services including:

- ◆ gynecological exams
- ◆ birth control, including emergency contraception (EC)
- ◆ pregnancy testing and options counseling
- ◆ cervical cancer diagnosis and early treatment
- ◆ HPV vaccination
- ◆ testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections
- ◆ HIV testing and counseling
- ◆ diagnosis and treatment of urinary tract and vaginal infections
- ◆ first trimester medical and surgical abortions
- ◆ midlife services
- ◆ limited men's health care services
- ◆ referrals for other specialized medical care.

PPNEO's 2008 Community Report is now online at www.PPNEO.org.

It includes information about our services, clients and programs.

Online Resources



Websites:

Planned Parenthood of Northeast Ohio

www.ppneo.org

Planned Parenthood Federation of America

www.plannedparenthood.org

Guttmacher Institute (research and policy)

www.guttmacher.org

Advocates for Youth (comprehensive sex education)

www.advocatesforyouth.org

Planned Parenthood Action Fund (political information)

www.plannedparenthoodaction.org

Planned Parenthood Affiliates of Ohio (local political information)

www.ppao.org

Progress Ohio

www.progressohio.org

Alternet

www.alternet.org

Blogs:

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- ◆ Must register on the website for more contact information
- ◆ Online forums are available for registered users

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- ◆ Only one letter from the same writer will be accepted within a 30-day period

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- ◆ Submit letters via email or fax; must include name, address and phone number
- ◆ Online forums also available for registered members

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Barberton Herald

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news@barbertonherald.com

- ◆ Online submission form also available

Local Media Contact Info: Greater Akron

Covering Summit, Portage and Medina Counties

Daily Kent Stater (Kent State University)

www.kentnewsnet.com

P.O. Box 5190, 205 Franklin Hall, Kent, OH 44242

(p) 330.672.2584 — (f) 330.672.4880

stater@kent.edu — Type "Letter to the Editor" in the email subject line.

- ◆ 350 word limit for letters; 550 word limit for guest columns
- ◆ Contributions will be edited for grammar, spelling, punctuation, AP style and length without notice.
- ◆ Students should include their year and major; faculty/staff should include their department; community members should include their hometown and state

The Buchtelite (University of Akron)

www.buchtelite.com

303 E. Carroll Street, Student Union Room 51-LL, Akron, OH 44325-4602

(p) 330.972.7919 or 330.972.5912

- ◆ Must include name, address, email and phone number (for verification)
- ◆ Submit letters to the editor through the online form

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www.epitomemag.com

P.O. Box 13696, Akron, OH 44334

submissions@epitomemag.com

- ◆ Northeast Ohio women's magazine
- ◆ Articles, letters, poetry, music, events and visual art submissions accepted

Akron Reporter

No website

1134 South Main Street, P.O. Box 2042, Akron, OH 44309

(p) 330.253.0007

Editor: William Elliss, williamr.ellis@att.net

- ◆ Akron's African-American focused weekly newspaper

City News

www.citynewsohio.com

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- ◆ Cleveland/Akron/Columbus African-American paper; also runs City News Latino

Local Media Contact Info: Greater Canton

Covering Stark County

Canton Repository

www.cantonrep.com

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- ◆ Must include name, street address and phone number (for verification)
- ◆ Letters longer than 300 words will be edited or returned to the writer
- ◆ Submitters of plagiarized letters will be banned for one year
- ◆ Online submission form available

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Managing Editor: Joe Shaheen, joe.shaheen@indeonline.com

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Managing Editor: KC Held, kcheld@the-review.com

- ◆ Online opinion forums also available

Our Town Newspaper (N. Canton)

www.ourtownnorthcanton.com

502 South Main Street, North Canton, OH 44720

(p) 330.499.2531

Editor: Donna Nickel, starkcountysun@aol.com

The Hartville News

No website

316 E. Maple Street, P.O. Box 428, Hartville, OH 44632

(p) 330.877.9345

The Louisville Herald

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P.O. Box 170, Louisville, OH 44641

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Local Media Contact Info: Greater Canton

Covering Stark County

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www.tnl-news.com

177 Curry Street, P.O. Box 30, Minerva, OH 44657

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Editor: Kimberly Lewis, kewis@the-review.com

The Press News (E. Canton, Canton South, Sandy Valley, etc.)

www.the-press-news.com

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The Dynamo (Mount Union College)

www.mucdynamo.com

1972 Clark Avenue, Alliance, OH 44601

(p) 330.823.2884

dynamo@muc.edu

- ◆ Must include name, address and phone number
- ◆ 300 word limit; send as Word document or in body of email
- ◆ Online submission form also available

The Suburbanite (southern Summit & Northern Stark)

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(p) 330.899.2872

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The Times-Reporter (technically Dover/New Philly)

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107 Vindicator Square, Youngstown, OH 44503

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letters@vindy.com

- ◆ Must include name, address, phone number (for verification) and email address
- ◆ Online opinion forums also available

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www.tribtoday.com

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(p) 330.841.1600

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- ◆ Must include name, address, phone number (for verification) and email address
- ◆ Letters longer than 500 words will be returned to the writer.
- ◆ Letters can also be sent to the Town Crier through the online submission form
- ◆ Online opinion forums also available

Cortland News (Cortland)

www.thecortlandnews.com

P.O. Box 56, Cortland, OH 44410

(p) 330.565.2637 — (f) 330.638.2626

Editor: Sally Lane, editor@thecortlandnews.com

- ◆ No office hours; leave message and call will be returned
- ◆ Prefer all article and letter submissions to be emailed

Lisbon Morning Journal (Columbiana County)

www.morningjournalnews.com

308 Maple Street, Lisbon, OH 4432

(p) 330-424-9541

News Desk: news@mojonews.com

- ◆ Click on "submit news" for an online submission form
- ◆ Must include name, address, phone number (for verification) and email address

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161 North Lincoln, Salem, OH 44460

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Managing Editor: J.D. Creer, jdcreer@salemnews.net

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100 DeBartolo Place, Ste. 210, Youngstown, OH 44512

(p) 330.629.6200

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- ◆ Prefer that all letters are submitted via online submission form

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1123 West Park Avenue, P.O. Box 150, Niles, OH 44446

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Editorial: mail@thereviewnewspapers.com

- ◆ Submissions due Monday at noon

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Youngstown Jambar (YSU)

www.thejambar.com

(p) 330.941.3095 — (f) 330.941.2322

Editorial: editor@thejambar.com

- ◆ Use online submission form for letters
- ◆ Must include name, address, phone number (for verification) and email address

Youngstown Senior News

www.theseniornews.com

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(p) 330.270.5442 — (f) 330.286.0357

content@theseniornews.com

- ◆ Publication for readers age 50+; relevant submissions accepted

Buckeye Review (Youngstown)

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2344 Coronado Avenue, Youngstown, OH 44504

(p) 330.743.2250

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- ◆ African-American focused newspaper

Local Media Contact Info: Mansfield & Wooster

Covering Richland, Wayne, Crawford, Ashland and Morrow Counties

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The Daily Record (Wooster)

www.the-daily-record.com

212 E Liberty Street, Wooster, OH. 44691

(p) 330.264.1125 — (f) 330.264.1132

Managing Editor: Lance White, lwhite@the-daily-record.com

- ◆ Online opinion forums also available

Wooster Voice (College of Wooster)

www.wooster.edu/voice

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(p) 330.263.2598 — (f) 330.263.2596

Voice_viewpoints@wooster.edu

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Local Media Contact Info: Mansfield & Wooster

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- ◆ Online form also available.

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88 Main Street, Bellville, OH 44813

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