

Sample Letter for Onondaga County Legislature

The text below provides a general guideline for a letter to Onondaga County. This letter may be emailed, printed and mailed, or for maximum effect, consider writing it neatly by hand on nice stationery and mailing or hand-delivering it. If you are writing on behalf of your club, consider including a page that briefly outlines the good things your club does in the community.

Text:

Subject Line: Proposal B Is a Better Option to Protect Onondaga County Dogs *(Or Support Dog Regulations Proposal B)*

Dear Legislator _____:

As a resident of Onondaga County *(or On behalf of the _____ kennel club, located in your district; or as a responsible dog owner who participates in events in Onondaga County)*, I would like to ask you to only support Proposal B regarding keeping dogs outside. As a responsible dog owner, I am very concerned about the conditions in which some dogs live and want to ensure that those who mistreat animals are held accountable for their actions. At the same time, legislation should not negatively impact people like me who keep my dogs in a responsible manner.

(Personalize here – tell about yourself as a dog owner, breeder and fancier. How many years have you been involved with dogs? What breeds have you owned or shown? If you live in the county, how long have you been a resident? If an exhibitor or sportsman, have you participated in events in Onondaga County?)

As a responsible dog owner, I want to be sure that dogs are not placed in situations where their health or safety are at risk. Proposal A, however, will not accomplish this. By including specific one-size-fits-all temperature ranges, Proposal A neglects to consider breeds that may thrive outside these ranges, or dogs that may not be able to tolerate even these temperatures. *(If you have dogs that thrive in cold temperatures, talk about that. If you have a breed that would be too cold at 32 degrees or too warm at 90, tell them about that too and why you would not allow your dog outside for an extended period in these temperatures).*

Proposal B recognizes that not all breeds are the same and ensures that no dog is left outside in temperatures that would put it in danger. As a responsible dog owner, I respectfully ask that you oppose Proposal A and support Proposal B.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Your Name

Address (at least include city and state)

Contact information