***Sample Letter to Council Member:***

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* Locate your Council Member at www.nashville.gov/Metro-Council/Metro-Council-Members.aspx.
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<<Today’s Date>>

Council Member <<Name>>

Metropolitan Council
One Public Square, Suite 204
P. O. Box 196300
Nashville, Tennessee 37219-6300

Dear Council Member <<Name>>:

My name is <<Name>> and I am a Nashville resident in support of increasing teacher pay for Metro Nashville Public Schools (MNPS) teachers. Recruiting and retaining excellent teachers is critical to a vibrant community. Our current teacher salary structure does not reflect the incredible work our teachers are doing every day and does not entice new teachers to come to our city.

* Recent compensation studies have shown that teacher pay has not kept up with Nashville’s rising cost of living; in fact, a 30-year veteran teacher will still not be paid at Nashville’s median salary
* MNPS teachers are essential to developing Nashville’s future workforce; we must invest in teachers to ensure that our future workforce can meet Nashville’s needs
* Increasing pay can increase demand for the position and drive better teacher quality and talent to fill vacancies

We all remember our favorite teacher – that individual who built our confidence, challenged us to go further than we thought we could, inspired us to learn and grow. I am asking that you support increasing teacher pay in Nashville to adequately recognize these essential employees who do so much for all of us.

Thank you for considering my request. I look forward to hearing from you on how you plan to make increasing teacher pay a priority.

Sincerely,

<<Your signature>>

<<Your typed name>>