

# resistbot

## How To Send Your First Letter

1. Find and open up your phone's texting app, it looks something like this:



2. Where you enter the phone number you want to text, type **50409**. *Yup, that's all!*
3. Send **resist** as your first text. You'll get a text back from the bot instantly. You're in!
4. Enter the keyword that corresponds to who you want to contact. **Congress**, for example, will allow you to reach your two Senators and Representative.
5. Please read the prompts carefully. The bot will need your first name, then your last name, and then your mailing address in a single text—this is to determine who your officials are. *The 'bot doesn't share or sell your information to any outside groups.*
6. Start writing your letter! Send as many texts as you need to compose it, you do not need to write it all in a single text or include your name/address. **Fewer, shorter texts work best.** *Letters do not need to be long, tell your officials specifically what you want them to do, be factual not emotional. Include a bill number if applicable. Bonus if you can say why you're writing, like a personal story.*
7. Once you're finished, send **done** as a single text. If your letter looks good, use **send** to start the delivery process.
8. Read the rest of the prompts carefully, the bot will need a few more things from you when writing your first letter, like a title.
9. The bot will have to confirm your email address the first time through. Once you input your email address, look for a message from [support@resistbot.io](mailto:support@resistbot.io) with a six-digit code, e.g. *123456*. Enter that number back into the text conversation to continue.
10. You'll be prompted to enter a brief subject for your letter, this will help staffers respond quicker. Summarize your position in a few words. e.g. *"Vote yea on H.R.1"*
11. That's it! You may have already received an auto-reply from your officials, but they'll read your full message when they can.
12. The bot may ask you from here to take follow-up actions, like sharing your letter so more people can read it, or donating. Answer however you like!  
Thanks for trying the bot! You can see all the things the bot can do at <https://resist.bot>

