

**SAMPLE LETTER OR EMAIL TO CONGRESS  
Supporting Senate Bill 765/House Bill 795**

1. Go here to find a legislator <https://malegislature.gov/Search/FindMyLegislator>
2. Draft your letter or email. Example:

*To Your Senator:*

The Honorable (full name)  
(Room #) (Name) Senate Office Building  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

*or*

*To Your Representative:*

The Honorable (full name)  
(Room #) (Name) House Office Building  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator:

Dear Representative:

My name is *[insert your name here]*.

I am a *[nurse / healthcare professional / emergency technician / stay-at-home parent / teacher / etc.; briefly list any credentials you feel may be pertinent]*.

I am writing to urge you to support Senate Bill 765/House Bill 795, which would strengthen the penalty for assault or assault and battery on emergency medical technician, ambulance operator, ambulance attendant or health care providers.

Currently, assault on a healthcare worker in the State of Massachusetts is a misdemeanor. In thirty-three other states, it is a felony.

Strengthening penalties for assaults on healthcare workers could potentially serve as a deterrent and begin to reign in this epidemic.

Healthcare violence:

- Affects not just the victim, but families and all who hear or bear witness to the abuse.
- Brings a financial impact on employees, employers and others.
  - For an employee, there may be lost work days resulting from a violent event.
  - For the employer or organization, there are potential liability and litigation costs; costs that can be passed on to all consumers.

In closing, I again urge you to support Senate Bill 765/House Bill 795. I respectfully thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

[Name] [title if applicable]

[full contact information]

Additional resources:

- **Sample letter:** <http://usgovinfo.about.com/od/uscongress/a/letterscongress.htm>
- **Sample letter:** <https://www.asbmb.org/Advocacy/advocacy.aspx?id=14388>
- **Financial Impacts:** <http://tinyurl.com/z98pvwz>