

# **Connect with Your State Legislators**

Did you know the ideal length for an email is between 50-120 words? Make each word count with a quick email to your state legislators thanking them for continuing to provide funding for INFOhio. Below are four simple steps for contacting your state legislators.

- 1. Don't know your legislator's email address? Follow the link to INFOhio's <u>Connect with Your Legislators</u> page. Click the "Find Your Legislators" button to search for your state legislators on <u>The Ohio Legislature</u> website.
- 2. Search for your state representative and senator using your address or zip code. Select "Submit."
- 3. Each legislator's picture will appear.
- 4. Follow the link to their pages.
  - At the top of the page, select "Contact" to generate a form to contact your state senator or state representative.

Below are sample email messages to help you develop your own message. Personalize your email message with one of the following options.

- 1. Describe how you use INFOhio resources to support career exploration, STEM, literacy, and learning to read, in your classroom or school library.
- Promote student success by describing how INFOhio resources help your students develop a project or support student learning.

### Sample Email #1

### From School Librarians, Educators, or Administrators

Dear [Representative or Senator] [Last Name]:

Thank you for representing the people of [insert house or senate district].

As a [school librarian or educator] at [insert name of the school building or district] we use INFOhio to support our students in the classroom and at home. In my [school library or classroom] I use [name of resource] because [explain how using the resource supports career exploration, STEM, literacy, and learning to read, in your school library or classroom].

I ask for your continued support of INFOhio as they support Ohio's PreK-12 students with equitable access to exceptional digital resources for all of Ohio's students.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
[Your Hometown]



## Sample Email #2 From INFOhio Providers

#### Dear [Representative or Senator] [Last Name]:

On behalf of the PreK-12 students, educators, and school librarians of **[the name of your ITC]** I would like to share with you how INFOhio's digital resources support our users, their students, and families. Among the many resources INFOhio offers, **[insert name of resource here]** is a favorite of our users because **[explain why users like this resource]**.

We look forward to your continued commitment to elevating student learning by providing exceptional digital resources, equitably to all of Ohio's PreK-12 students through support for INFOhio!

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
[Your Hometown]