

## LETTER TO ELECTED OFFICIAL

*(Date)*

*(Name of Representative)*

*(Office Street Address)*

*(City, State Zip)*

Hello \_\_\_\_\_,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I live in \_\_\_\_\_. I am an advocate for the western monarch butterfly. I value western monarch butterflies because \_\_\_\_\_

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The population of western monarch butterflies is less than 1% of what it was in the 1980s. Studies have shown that long-term stressors like climate change, pesticide use, and habitat loss and degradation have contributed to the decline of the monarch butterfly population.

Establishing policies and protections for the western monarch butterfly will greatly help rebuild the population of this valued species and prevent the detriment of the monarch due to human causes.

I hope you agree that the best course of action to protect and conserve the western monarch butterfly is to advocate for:

- the addition of the western monarch butterfly to the Endangered Species List
- the rehabilitation of overwintering sites
- the end to pesticide and herbicide use
- the planting of native milkweed and nectaring plants in highway on and off ramps and islands

Thank you for your time and consideration and I hope that we can begin to see positive changes for the western monarch butterfly population with your help and support.

Sincerely,

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