**SAMPLE LETTER:**

Re: Request to cosponsor the HOT CARS Act of 2019

I am writing to you about a tragic, yet solvable, problem which we need your leadership to resolve. At least 940 children have died in hot cars since 1990 including children right here in our state. This year has been one of the worst years in history for children dying in hot cars with at least 52 little lives lost.

This problem will continue until existing technology to detect and alert of a child’s presence inside a parked vehicle is installed in all vehicles – because no one thinks this could happen to them.

On June 28, 2019, the [**HOT CARS Act of 2019**](https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/3593) (H.R. 3593) was introduced in the House by Representatives Tim Ryan (D-OH), Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) and Peter King (R-NY). On May 22, 2019, the [**HOT CARS Act of 2019**](https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/1601) (S. 1601) was introduced by Senators Roger Wicker (R-MS), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) and Maria Cantwell (D-WA).

Can we count on you to cosponsor this lifesaving bill?

The HOT CARS Act would require technology to be included as standard equipment in all vehicles that could detect the presence of a child or pet and warn the driver and bystanders. It sets a reasonable deadline for agency action.

Detection systems in cars are already used for seat belts, airbags and anti-theft features. There are systems available that could detect passengers as well as replace the previously mentioned systems, which could actually *save automakers money*. These [systems are readily available](https://www.kidsandcars.org/2019/09/20/examples-of-available-technology-to-prevent-hot-car-deaths/) and cost efficient.

This bill has been supported by leading national public health, safety, consumer, law enforcement, animal care and welfare organizations ([view list](https://www.kidsandcars.org/hot-cars-act-supporters/)).

After 20 years of educating the public and with awareness at an all-time high, the number of children dying in hot cars continues to rise. Technology in all vehicles is critical to prevention.

We urge you to cosponsor this lifesaving bill to prevent children and animals from being needlessly killed and injured when left alone in vehicles. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Your Name
Address
Phone number
Email