

## SAMPLE EMAIL MESSAGES TO KEY LEGISLATIVE LEADERS

(For voicemail messages, just replace “Dear” with “Hi”  
and keep your message to 30 seconds or less while also leaving your phone #)

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**THANK YOU FOR TAKING ACTION and MAKING YOUR VOICE HEARD!**

Please consider forwarding one of your messages to the Coalition [info@tocaimn.com](mailto:info@tocaimn.com) and what it was like for you to take this action. Also, please consider forwarding any replies you receive that express a lawmaker’s support for the Increase Teachers of Color Act to [info@tocaimn.com](mailto:info@tocaimn.com) so the Coalition can keep track of that support amongst all lawmakers.

--The Coalition to Increase Teachers of Color  
and American Indian Teachers in Minnesota



**SAMPLE MESSAGE [TO SENATE EDUCATION CHAIR CHAMBERLAIN](#)**

Subject: Increase Teachers of Color Act

Dear Chair Chamberlain,

Thank you for supporting investments last year to increase teachers of color. More investments and policy changes are needed.

I am a (insert your role: student, parent, teacher, etc.) and I urge you in this election year to fully support the bipartisan 2022 Increase Teachers of Color Act in your committee and in negotiations with the House later this session.

*[Then, consider using **either** one of the following prompts to tell your views/story in a brief paragraph.]*

We need many more teachers of color because... *(include personal reasons tied to your experience)*

I am concerned about the severe shortage of teachers of color because... *(include personal reasons tied to your experience)*

Thank you,

Your Name

School Name

**SAMPLE MESSAGE [TO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE](#)**

Subject: Increase Teachers of Color Act

Dear Senator [Last Name],

I am a (insert your role: student, parent, teacher, etc.) and I urge you to strongly support the 2022 Increase Teachers of Color Act in the Education Committee and throughout this session.

*[Then, consider using either one of the following prompts to tell your views/story in a brief paragraph.]*

We need many more teachers of color because... *(include personal reasons tied to your experience)*

I am concerned about the severe shortage of teachers of color because... *(include personal reasons tied to your experience)*

Thank you,

Your Name

School Name

**SAMPLE MESSAGE [TO HOUSE EDUCATION FINANCE CHAIR DAVNIE](#)**

Subject: Increase Teachers of Color Act

Dear Chair Davnie,

Thank you for fully supporting investments and policies last year to increase teachers of color. More investments and policy changes are needed.

I am a (insert your role: student, parent, teacher, etc.), and I urge you to strongly support all policies and full funding for the 2022 Increase Teachers of Color Act in your omnibus bill and in negotiations with the Senate later this session.

*[Then, consider using either one of the following prompts to tell your views/story in a brief paragraph.]*

We need many more teachers of color because... *(include personal reasons tied to your experience)*

I am concerned about the severe shortage of teachers of color because... *(include personal reasons tied to your experience)*

Thank you,

Your Name

Your School and/or City

**SAMPLE MESSAGE [TO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION FINANCE COMMITTEE](#)**

Subject: Increase Teachers of Color Act

Dear Rep. [Last Name],

I am a (insert your role: student, parent, teacher, etc.) and I urge you to strongly support the 2022 Increase Teachers of Color Act in the Education Finance Committee and throughout this session.

*[Then, consider using either one of the following prompts to tell your views/story in a brief paragraph.]*

We need many more teachers of color because... *(include personal reasons tied to your experience)*

I am concerned about the severe shortage of teachers of color because... *(include personal reasons tied to your experience)*

Thank you,

Your Name

Your School and/or City

**SAMPLE MESSAGE [TO HOUSE EDUCATION POLICY CHAIR RICHARDSON](#)**

Subject: Increase Teachers of Color Act

Dear Chair Davnie,

Thank you for fully supporting investments and policies last year to increase teachers of color. More investments and policy changes are needed.

I am a (insert your role: student, parent, teacher, etc.), and I urge you to strongly support all policies and full funding for the 2022 Increase Teachers of Color Act in your omnibus bill and in negotiations with the Senate later this session.

*[Then, consider using either one of the following prompts to tell your views/story in a brief paragraph.]*

We need many more teachers of color because... *(include personal reasons tied to your experience)*

I am concerned about the severe shortage of teachers of color because... *(include personal reasons tied to your experience)*

Thank you,

Your Name  
Your School and/or City

**SAMPLE MESSAGE [TO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE](#)**

Subject: Increase Teachers of Color Act

Dear Rep. [Last Name],

I am a (insert your role: student, parent, teacher, etc.) and I urge you to strongly support the 2022 Increase Teachers of Color Act in the Education Finance Committee and throughout this session.

*[Then, consider using either one of the following prompts to tell your views/story in a brief paragraph.]*

We need many more teachers of color because... *(include personal reasons tied to your experience)*

I am concerned about the severe shortage of teachers of color because... *(include personal reasons tied to your experience)*

Thank you,

Your Name  
Your School and/or City

**SAMPLE MESSAGE [TO SENATE HIGHER EDUCATION CHAIR TOMASSONI](#)**

Subject: Increase Teachers of Color Act

Dear Chair Tomassoni,

I am a (insert your role: student, parent, teacher, etc.) and I urge you to give a hearing and strongly support full funding of the 2022 Increase Teachers of Color Act in your committee and in negotiations with the House later this session. Much more state investment is needed.

*[Then, consider using either one of the following prompts to tell your views/story in a brief paragraph.]*

We need many more teachers of color because... *(include personal reasons tied to your experience)*

I am concerned about the severe shortage of teachers of color because... *(include personal reasons tied to your experience)*

Thank you,

Your Name

Your School and/or City

**SAMPLE MESSAGE [TO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SENATE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE](#)**

Subject: Increase Teachers of Color Act

Dear Senator [Last Name],

I am a (insert your role: student, parent, teacher, etc.) and I urge you to strongly support fully funding the 2022 Increase Teachers of Color Act in the Higher Education Committee this session. Much more state investment is needed.

*[Then, consider using either one of the following prompts to tell your views/story in a brief paragraph.]*

We need many more teachers of color because... *(include personal reasons tied to your experience)*

I am concerned about the severe shortage of teachers of color because... *(include personal reasons tied to your experience)*

Thank you,

Your Name

Your School and/or City

**SAMPLE MESSAGE TO HOUSE HIGHER ED CHAIR BERNARDY**

Subject: Increase Teachers of Color Act

Dear Chair Bernardy,

Thank you for your leadership in supporting proposals to increase teachers of color. I am a (insert your role: student, parent, teacher, etc.) and I urge you to give a hearing and strongly support full funding of the 2022 Increase Teachers of Color Act in your committee and in negotiations with the Senate later this session. Much more investment is needed.

*[Then, consider using either one of the following prompts to tell your views/story in a brief paragraph.]*

We need many more teachers of color because... *(include personal reasons tied to your experience)*

I am concerned about the severe shortage of teachers of color because... *(include personal reasons tied to your experience)*

Thank you,

Your Name

Your School and/or City

**SAMPLE MESSAGE TO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Increase Teachers of Color Act

Dear Rep. [Last Name],

I am a (insert your role: student, parent, teacher, etc.) and I urge you to strongly support fully funding the 2022 Increase Teachers of Color Act in the Higher Education Committee this session. Much more state investment is needed.

*[Then, consider using either one of the following prompts to tell your views/story in a brief paragraph.]*

We need many more teachers of color because... *(include personal reasons tied to your experience)*

I am concerned about the severe shortage of teachers of color because... *(include personal reasons tied to your experience)*

Thank you,

Your Name

Your School and/or City

**SAMPLE MESSAGE [TO HOUSE WAYS & MEANS CHAIR MORAN](#)**

Subject: Increase Teachers of Color Act

Dear Chair Moran,

Thank you for your leadership in supporting proposals to increase investments needed to increase teachers of color over your career and during last year. I urge you to support fully funding the 2022 Increase Teachers of Color Act (approx.. \$27 million in Education and \$10 million in Higher Education) given the state's historic surplus.

I am a (insert your role: student, parent, teacher, etc.). *[Then, consider using either one of the following prompts to tell your views/story in a brief paragraph.]*

We need many more teachers of color because... *(include personal reasons tied to your experience)*

I am concerned about the severe shortage of teachers of color because... *(include personal reasons tied to your experience)*

Thank you,

Your Name

Your School and/or City

**SAMPLE MESSAGE [TO SENATE MAJORITY LEADER MILLER](#)**

Subject: Increase Teachers of Color Act

Dear Majority Leader Miller,

I am a (insert your role: student, parent, teacher, etc.). I urge you and the Senate majority in this election year to support the 2022 Increase Teachers of Color Act's E12 & Higher Ed bills, and make an accomplishment with Speaker Hortman and Gov. Walz that will benefit all Minnesotans by addressing achievement gaps, preventing crime and strengthening our economy.

*[Then, consider using either one of the following prompts to tell your views/story in a brief paragraph.]*

We need many more teachers of color because... *(include personal reasons tied to your experience)*

I am concerned about the severe shortage of teachers of color because... *(include personal reasons tied to your experience)*

Thank you,

Your Name

Your School and/or City

**SAMPLE MESSAGE [TO SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE HORTMAN](#)**

Subject: Increase Teachers of Color Act

Dear Speaker Hortman,

I am a (insert your role: student, parent, teacher, etc.). I urge you to strongly support all policies and full funding for the Increase Teachers of Color Act (E12 & Higher Ed bills) in negotiations with the Senate later this session. Before then, PLEASE continue to demonstrate your leadership for racial equity in education by giving Chair Davnie and Chair Bernardy budget targets with direction for their committees to now fully fund this essential Act given the state's historic surplus.

*[Then, consider using either one of the following prompts to tell your views/story in a brief paragraph.]*

We need many more teachers of color because... *(include personal reasons tied to your experience)*

I am concerned about the severe shortage of teachers of color because... *(include personal reasons tied to your experience)*

Thank you,

Your Name  
Your School and/or City

**SAMPLE MESSAGE [TO GOVERNOR WALZ](#)**

Subject: Increase Teachers of Color Act

Dear Governor Walz,

I am a (insert your role: student, parent, teacher, etc.). You often comment about the need to have teachers who reflect the diversity of students. In this election year, I urge you to strongly support all policies and full funding for the Increase Teachers of Color Act (E12 & Higher Ed bills) in negotiations with the Senate and House later this session. Unfortunately, what you have in your own initial legislative proposals does much but won't do enough needed to increase the percentage of teachers of color and Indigenous teachers in our state.

*[Then, consider using either one of the following prompts to tell your views/story in a brief paragraph.]*

We need many more teachers of color because... *(include personal reasons tied to your experience)*

I am concerned about the severe shortage of teachers of color because... *(include personal reasons tied to your experience)*

Thank you,

Your Name  
Your School and/or City