{Senator Name and Address}

Dear Senator {Senator’s Name}:

I am writing to request your support for the U.S. Civics Act (S.2024) introduced by Senators Chris Coons of Delaware and John Cornyn of Texas. (Representative Earl Blumenauer of Oregon and Tom Cole of Oklahoma have introduced a counterpart bill in the House of Representatives, H.R. 5810.)

Too many American students leave college without an adequate understanding of American history and the nature of free institutions. The U.S. Civics Act provides a long overdue remedy to this ignorance by establishing a grant program within the Department of Education’s Office of Post-secondary Education designed to support higher education programs specifically dedicated to fostering this knowledge.

There is much amiss in American political life these days, a good deal of which is attributable to the shortage of information students have about the underlying character and principles of America’s constitutional republic. The time is overdue for the federal government to address this civic deficit in a serious way. Passage of the U.S. Civics Act either as a stand-alone bill, or as part of the next reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, would thus be a great boon to the health of American civil society.

I urge you to support this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

{Your Name}