

addressing public officials

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Position	In Writing	Salutation	In Conversation
Governor	The Honorable (full name) Governor of Maryland	Dear Gov. (last name)	Governor (last name)
Lt. Governor	The Honorable (full name) Lt. Governor of Maryland	Dear Lt. Gov. (last name)	Lt. Governor (last name)
Attorney General	The Honorable (full name) State of Maryland OR Attorney General State of Maryland	Dear Mr./Madam Attorney General	Attorney General (last name)
Cabinet Secretary	Mr./Ms. (full name) Secretary of (department)	Dear Mr./Madam Secretary	Secretary (last name)
State Senator	The Honorable (full name) Maryland Senate	Dear Sen. (last name)	Senator (last name)
State Delegate	The Honorable (full name)	Dear Del. (last name)	Delegate (last name)
Mayor	The Honorable (full name) Mayor of (city)	Dear Mayor (last name)	Mayor (last name)
City Council	The Honorable (full name)	Dear Councilman/woman (last name)	Councilman/woman (last name)
U.S. Senator	The Honorable (full name) United States Senate	Dear Sen. (last name)	Senator (last name)
U.S. Representative	The Honorable (full name) House of Representatives	Dear Rep. (last name)	Congressman/woman