

Vermont Guardian Letters to the Editor Guidelines

The Vermont Guardian appreciates the interest and values the views of those who take the time to write letters to the editor. We cannot guarantee that every letter submitted will be used. However, the following policies are aimed at publishing as many readers' viewpoints on as many different subjects as possible:

- All letters must be signed, with a return address and a phone number where the writer can be reached between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to confirm authorship. Addresses and phone numbers are not published.*
- Letters must be exclusive to the Vermont Guardian.*
- Letters should not exceed 300 words. They should be original thought, of general interest and in good taste, and meet legal standards.*
- Letters become the property of the Vermont Guardian. We reserve the right to edit, condense or reject any submissions.*
- Writers are limited to one letter in a 30-day period.*
- The Vermont Guardian does not publish poetry or song lyrics as a letter to the editor*
- The Vermont Guardian does not publish specific consumer complaints in letters to the editor.*
- Anonymity may be accorded to a letter-writer only in extremely rare situations, and only at the discretion of the editor. In such cases, the identity of the letter-writer must be known to the editor, and the editor must be convinced of the importance of anonymity to the writer's safety and well-being,*
- Before elections, the Vermont Guardian prints letters concerning ballot questions and issues raised in campaigns. Letters of support for candidates may be accepted provided they address specific issues and qualifications. These letters are limited to 200 words, and we reserve the right to limit their number.*
- We regret that we are unable to acknowledge those letters we cannot publish.*