

Dear Whale Defender,

Here is a sample letter that you can hand-write and mail in or fax.

We encourage you to put this in your own words.

Our plan is to send hundreds of letters from across the country, to demonstrate support for U.S. action to defend the whales. Can you think of anyone else you could get to write a letter? Your family members or friends? A group you belong to? Maybe you could hold a letter-writing party, or set up a table with extra pens, paper, and envelopes at an event?

Be creative!

**SAMPLE LETTER:**

27 February, 2007

**[YOUR ADDRESS GOES HERE]**

Senator Joe Biden  
201 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

**[FAX: 202-224-0139]**

Dear Senator Biden,

The Japanese whaling fleet is finally sailing north, out of the Southern Ocean Whale Sanctuary after a fire onboard the whaling factory ship Nisshin Maru disabled her. Please make this the very last time that the Japanese whaling fleet comes to the Southern Ocean, and the very last time that commercial hunting for whales is done in the name of 'scientific research'.

In May of this year, the annual meeting of the International Whaling Commission (IWC) will take place on US soil in Anchorage, Alaska. Before that happens, as the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and a recognized and accountable leader on this issue please ask representatives from the Departments' of Commerce and State to come to Capitol Hill to publicly restate the United States' strong opposition to the resumption of commercial whaling in any form. Ask them also to explain how they will work with other conservation-minded countries to make sure that the indefinite moratorium on commercial whaling is maintained and the integrity of the Southern Ocean Whale Sanctuary, as a haven for whales – and not for whalers – is guaranteed.

Yours Sincerely,

**[YOUR NAME]**