**Sample email – HB 501**

Dear Representative [LAST NAME]

**{PARAGRAPH I} - INTRODUCTION**

My name is [YOUR NAME] and I am from [LOCATION, Ohio]. I am writing to ask you to support HB 501, which changes the title of “registered veterinary technician” to “registered veterinary nurse” in the Ohio Revised and Administrative Codes. It is jointly sponsored by Representatives LaTourette and Huffman and is pending in the House Agriculture and Rural Development Committee.

**{PARAGRAPH II} – BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Include personal information, including your credentials, experience, and personal connection to this issue, i.e., I care about HB 501 because I have worked as a registered veterinary technician for X years; I work at X clinic…

**{PARAGRAPH III} – RATIONALE FOR YOUR POINT OF VIEW (Choose whichever of these rationales “speak” to you and expand with your own personal statements. Do not simply copy these bullet points into your letter; “form letters” do not get noticed.)**

I support HB 501 because:

* The title “registered veterinary nurse” more accurately reflects the true nature of our services in the veterinary practice. It allows the public to better understand our role, training, and scope of abilities.
* The bill specifically indicates that there is no change to the scope of practice or certification credentials required for this position; it is a name change only.
* The more accurately descriptive title will allow Ohio’s universities, community colleges and career colleges who provide this degree to attract more students to their programs.
* Once the standards nationally are unified under this title, it will allow the registered veterinary nurses to utilize their education and degree in any state, while still allowing each state to regulate its own credentialing.
* The Ohio Veterinary Medical Association and the Ohio Association of Veterinary Technicians support this legislation.

**{PARAGRAPH IV} – CONCLUSION**

Again, I encourage you to vote for HB 501. I will follow up with a call to your office in a few days to discuss your position on the bill. Thank you for taking the time to consider my position in support of HB 501.

Sincerely,

[NAME]

[CONTACT INFORMATION]