

Before sending the email below, please review these instructions first:

1. Always add your name and street address; legislators want to know you really are in their district.
2. If you decide to email all the DeKalb legislators and not just your own, it's important to email each one separately; we have been advised that emails written to several legislators don't get the same attention as one sent separately.
3. If you email more than your legislator, it's important to say who your legislator is and why you are writing to someone who isn't yours. (Ex: "We need all of the legislators to work together as a team to get this work done.")

Model Email message to legislators and commissioners

While DeKalb voters successfully defeated the Ethics Referendum in November, it will take a concerted effort on the part of citizens and elected officials to get the Ethics Board back up and running as soon as possible. I support the expectations expressed by the DeKalb Citizens Advocacy Council:

1. Legislators should focus on the simple fix: just fix the board appointment process to satisfy stated court requirements. Going beyond this will likely delay success in this effort.
2. Fix the appointment process NOW so the new board can be seated.
3. Legislators should engage in a transparent process to produce the proper legislation.
4. If a task force is formed to produce another bill dealing with reforming the Ethics Act further, a representative from the DeKalb Citizens Advocacy Council should serve on the task force.