



TAKE ACTION: WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR ABOUT CONFLICT MINERALS

Do you [live in a city](#) where the headquarters of a consumer electronics company is based? If so, then [write a letter to your local news editor](#) about the conflict in eastern Congo, and specifically address how the company in your city could be fueling the deadliest conflict in the world. Even if you don't live in one of these cities, you can still write a letter to your editor. Just watch out for a specific story on Congo, Africa, or on one of the [21 electronics companies](#) and use that as an opportunity to write to your local newspaper.

Tips for Writing an Editorial:

1. Respond the same day or not at all.
2. Identify yourself and why you are qualified to comment
3. Keep it short.
4. Make it punchy and sharp.
5. Know the style and format of where you are sending your letter.

Use our letter to help you write to your CEO or editor - Enough along with a coalition of 32 organizations [sent a letter](#) to the top 21 electronics companies outlining our concerns.

You can use the following talking points to help draft your letter:

- The deadliest war since World War II is taking place right now in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo, and rape is being used by various armed groups as a weapon in this war.
- These armed groups are using rape as a weapon of terror to intimidate local populations and gain control over a nearby mine or collect taxes on the transport of the minerals.
- The many armed groups and military units that are perpetuating the violence in Congo and committing war crimes are making millions of dollars on the illegal trade in Congo's minerals – we call them the 3 T's (tin, tungsten, and tantalum).
- These minerals are essential to make our cell phones, computers and other electronics function.
- Congo's mineral wealth should be a source of prosperity and stability for the Congolese people, not a source of exploitation and violence.
- [Company X] uses these minerals in their products. They have an obligation to ensure that they are not helping finance armed groups or contributing to human rights abuses and crimes against humanity along their supply chain.
- The Enough Project's RAISE Hope for Congo campaign is calling on electronics companies to pledge to make their products conflict free. [Company X] shouldn't waste another minute to take that pledge. Too many lives are at stake.

Visit <http://www.raisehopeforcongo.org/profile> to learn about more ways to RAISE the Profile of Congo.