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## Senator

Envelope, official:

*The Honorable*

(Full name)

United States Senate

(Address)

Letter salutation: *Dear Senator (surname)*:

Complimentary close: *Sincerely yours*, OR *Sincerely*,

Envelope, social:

*The Honorable*

(Full name)

(Address)

Invitation, inside envelope: *Senator (surname)*

Place card: *Senator (surname)*

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Envelope, business:

*The Honorable*

(Full name)

(Full title of position) of (county/city)

(Address)

Letter salutation: *Dear Mr./Ms. (surname)*:

Complimentary close: *Sincerely yours*, OR *Sincerely*,

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