Letter to the Editor

Rubric

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| **Characteristic** | **Description** | **Score (1-5)** |
| **Introduction** | Strongly and clearly states a personal opinion  Clearly identifies the issue |  |
| **Reasons and Support** | Provides three or more excellent points with good support  Demonstrates thought and research |  |
| **Conclusion** | Summarizes personal opinion in a strong concluding statement |  |
| **Organization** | Follows the organizational model provided in class: states topic, gives evidence, shows significance, proposes solution, provides specific actions/steps, concludes strongly  Includes at least three complete, well-written, unified paragraphs |  |
| **Word Choice/Tone** | Uses clear, descriptive, and accurate diction |  |
| **Mechanics and Grammar** | Contains few, if any punctuation, spelling, or grammatical errors |  |
| **Total** |  |  |