I urge (or – Little People of America urges) [add name of organization hosting Midget Wrestling Event] to cancel the midget wrestling event scheduled for [add date of scheduled event]. [Add name of wrestling company here] is one of three or four groups of entertainers that consist of little people wrestlers and that market themselves are “Midget Wrestling.” The groups travel around the country, performing at bars and festivals.

It’s a challenge to build a case against midget wrestling when there are scores of little people wrestlers who embrace the word and for whom the word is connected to their livelihood and identity. What business does an outsider have interfering with an individual who made the personal choice to be a midget wrestler? Yet, Midget Wrestling is not defined by wrestlers who happen to be little people. Midget Wrestling is defined by marketing little people as an entertainment spectacle, just as little people were put on display based upon their physical differences during the days of the traditional sideshow and Freak Show. When a little person decides to join a Midget Wrestling Group, they are impacting how the audience perceives the wrestlers, and they are reinforcing stereotypes that portray little people as objects of entertainment. While a few people may be body slammed at a wrestling event, the real pain of events like this is inflicted on the dwarves are forced to confront stigma in the job market and in their day-to-day lives.

Whether the event is cancelled or not on [list date of the event] is not going to change the world. But [insert name of venue hosting event] has a choice. It can either contribute to out dated stereotypes against people with dwarfism, or it can send a positive message about dwarfism, inclusion and equality. While there may be no wrestling match, if [insert name of venue hosting the event] cancels the event, it will walk away a winner.