

## Instructions for completing press release templates

- 1. Please review the template carefully and fill in your specific information where the (parenthesis) indicate customization is required.
- 2. Email completed press releases to *aroketenetz@ncra.org*. The public relations team at NCRA will gladly distribute it to the media specific to your geographic area at no charge.
- 3. Feel free to include the names of specific media outlets in your area that you would like your press release to be distributed to.

## Photo instructions

The media loves photos, and often including a photo with a press release will increase the likelihood that your release will appear in media outlets. Below are some tips for ensuring high-quality headshots the media will love.

## Do

- ✓ Dress in professional attire
- Make sure the photo is of the highest resolution possible to ensure clear reproduction when printed
- Stand before a neutral background with proper lighting
- ✓ Consider a professional headshot

## Don't

- Crop or cut out photos from a group photo; they do not reproduce well and will appear grainy and unclear
- Wear hats and/or sunglasses
- Wear stripes, polka dots, or plaids as these patterns result in poor quality photos when reproduced
- Use selfies
- Take photos in bad lighting