



Harvard Model Congress

Boston 2024

House of Representatives Energy and Commerce Committee

Dear House Energy and Commerce Delegates,

Our names are Alexa, Franny, Maeve, Amari, and Mike, and we are your chairs for Harvard Model Congress Boston!

My name is Alexa and I am a sophomore at Harvard College studying Government with a secondary in Economics. This is my second year staffing HMC Boston, and I am excited to meet you all! In addition to HMC, I am in Harvard Investment Association, The Harvard Advocate (a literary magazine), and Harvard Undergraduate Women in Business. I am also a dancer and am in both a modern and hip hop group on campus. I also love to bake in my free time and am always looking for recommendations of new recipes to try. Looking forward to meeting everyone in committee!

Hey! I'm Franny and I am a sophomore at Harvard College studying Applied Math Economics with a secondary in Energy and the Environment (you can guess why I'm chairing this committee...). This will be my second time chairing HMC Boston, but my third conference overall since I staffed HMC Asia last year. When I'm not writing briefings or doing general HMC activities, you can catch me on the lacrosse field as captain of the Harvard Women's Lacrosse Club or at a fund meeting for the Harvard Investment Association. I also play on the Harvard Club Squash team, and if that's not enough activity for me I like to workout and play tennis with friends. I hail from Cleveland, OH (best state) but love Cambridge, and can't wait for you all to come visit Boston!

Hi! My name is Mike, and I am a first-year at the College planning to concentrate in Government and Economics. I'm from Shanghai but went to New Jersey for high school. This will be my first year staffing HMC (I've never done model congress before). Outside of HMC, I'm involved with the JFK Forum at the Harvard Kennedy School and Harvard Model UN. In my spare time, I love playing soccer, tennis, and lacrosse with my friends, uncompetitively. I also enjoy watching Nolan and Tarantino movies, and my favorite shows are Breaking Bad and Suits. I'm really excited to meet you all at the conference!

What's up? My name is Amari and I am a freshman at Harvard College from Montclair, NJ. I am planning to study Neuroscience on the pre-med track with a secondary in Economics. Outside of having been a delegate my junior year in high school, this is my first time staffing HMC. Outside of HMC, I am involved in the Harvard Undergraduate Association and the Harvard Society of Black Scientists and Engineers. In my free time, I enjoy playing pokemon, working out, playing basketball, and trying new foods.

Hi! My name is Maeve and I am a sophomore at Harvard studying History and Literature. I'm from Brooklyn, NY, and hypothetically love going on runs and reading, but in reality avoid those things at all costs and spend my time watching Veep and 30 Rock. Outside of HMC, I'm involved with the Crimson and the radio, but I'm super excited to staff my first committee this year!



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The House Energy and Commerce Committee delves into a large range of issues that impact many aspects of American society. It has jurisdiction on matters related to telecommunications, consumer protection, food and drug safety, public health research, environmental quality, energy policy, and interstate and foreign commerce. From this expansive list, you can really see that this committee impacts Americans in all aspects of their lives!

Our first briefing deals with regulating Big Pharma. The briefing addresses different solutions for regulation, keeping in mind the trade off between drug affordability and scientific innovation in the United States. The committee will need to think creatively in order to find a solution to regulate that allows for affordable, high quality drugs for a variety of indications.

Our second briefing deals with carbon emissions. The United States and the rest of the world need to drastically reduce these emissions to prevent the impacts of climate change, and there is currently no long-term solution to decrease the level of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. The committee will need to think critically in order to put together a sustainable solution that will be inclusive of all communities while also putting the issue to rest for future generations.

We hope that you come away from HMC Boston feeling that you were intellectually challenged and fulfilled; we also want you to have an absolute blast! If you have any questions beforehand, please feel free to reach out to us and introduce yourself.

See you in February!
Alexa, Franny, Maeve, Amari, and Mike