



Harvard Model Congress

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House of Representatives Small Business Committee

Dear House Small Business Delegates,

Our names are Nia, Tijesunimi, Matt, EJ, and Jason, and we are your chairs for Harvard Model Congress Boston!

Hey everyone! My name is Nia Burch, and I am a senior at Harvard from Texas. This will be my fifth conference with HMC, and I cannot wait to meet you all and discuss all of your ideas! At school, I study Government with a minor in Economics. Outside of class, I volunteer as an afterschool tutor to elementary school students in Boston and serve as a peer mentor to incoming first-year students at Harvard. In my free time, you can find me exploring new cities and eating lots of good food. Super excited to meet you all at HMC!

Hi all! My name is Tijesunimi (Tea-Jay-Sue-Knee-Me) Borode ('24) and I am a senior at Harvard College majoring in Neuroscience and minoring in Global Health and Health Policy. This is my fifth (and last!) conference with HMC and I'm super excited to meet you all. Outside of HMC, I've been busy with my thesis in the Ressler Lab, have been a mentor for Radcliffe and have been an active part of the Harvard College Nigerian Students Association. Lastly, for fun, I enjoy reading, listening to music, and exploring other cultures and languages through different media.

Hi! My name is Matt Suescun and I'm a freshman at Harvard College planning on majoring in Statistics. I'm originally from Wyckoff, New Jersey, and this will be my first conference with HMC! Outside of HMC, I do a lot of podcasting through PBS's Student Reporting Labs program. For fun, I enjoy running and listening to K-pop and reggaeton.

Hey everyone! My name is EJ Barthelemy, and I am a freshman at Harvard College planning to concentrate in Economics with a secondary in Sociology. I live in northern New Jersey but my family comes from Haiti. This will be my very first conference with HMC, and I am incredibly excited to work with you all. In addition to HMC, I am involved in the Harvard Black Men's Forum, the Harvard Indigo Magazine, and the Harvard College Consulting Group. Some of my favorite things to do in my free time are playing soccer and taking photos.

Hello! My name is Jason Morganbesser ('27), and I am a freshman at Harvard College from Los Angeles majoring in philosophy. This is my first conference with HMC (although I previously competed at HMC during high school), and I can't wait to work with you guys at my first conference! Outside of HMC, I also do Model UN. For fun, I enjoy reading, watching movies, and listening to music.

The House Small Business Committee was established to protect and assist small businesses. As such, the Committee has jurisdiction over matters related to small businesses, including financial aid and regulatory flexibility. The House Small Business Committee plays a crucial role in advocating for policies that foster innovation and entrepreneurship. Furthermore, the



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Committee is deeply involved in promoting diversity and inclusion within the small business sector, recognizing the importance of a diverse workforce and varied perspectives. Our first briefing discusses approaches to supporting small businesses in rural areas. Due to their distance from economic hubs and lack of infrastructural capacity, rural small businesses face particular challenges that require creative policy responses.

Our second briefing discusses the challenging decisions policymakers face in their regulation of avenues through which small businesses can raise capital. These include questions surrounding the use of new ways, such as crowdsourced funding, to raise money for a business. Should businesses be allowed to raise money from anyone? Or, should the ability to invest be limited to accredited investors only, given the risky nature of early ventures? Our briefing will delve into these issues.

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!
Nia, Tijesunimi, Matt, EJ, and Jason