



Harvard Model Congress

Boston 2024

House of Representatives Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

Dear House Transportation and Infrastructure Delegates,

Our names are Ethan, Andrew, Kayla, Benjamin, and Sarita, and we are your chairs for Harvard Model Congress Boston!

My name is Ethan, and I'm a junior studying Government and Statistics. Originally from Vancouver, BC, this will be my ninth HMC conference (my eighth as a staffer). Aside from HMC, I am the chair of the Harvard Public Opinion Project at the Harvard Institute of Politics and am also a member of the Harvard Curling Team. In my free time, I enjoy watching old movies and playing ultimate frisbee.

Hey y'all, my name is Andrew and I am a Sophomore studying Government and Education in Leverett House. I'm from Jacksonville, North Carolina - home to Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. This will be my second year staffing HMC, apart from which I also staff Harvard Model United Nations, serve as a Peer Advising Fellow, teach Swimming and Lifeguarding classes, and participate in the Institute of Politics.

Hello, my name is Benjamin Ma, and I am a freshman hoping to concentrate in History of Art and Architecture. I was born and raised in the Arizona heat, and this is my first time staffing an HMC conference. Currently, I am involved in the Behavioral Strategy Group, HPAIR, and Harvard Design Collective. During my freetime, I enjoy riding my bicycle and taking 3-hour naps. I am looking forward to meeting with you all in February!

Hi! My name is Kayla and I'm a freshman planning to study economics and computer science. I'm originally from a small town in Northern California, and this is my first year staffing HMC! On campus, I'm operations manager for Trademark Tours and am involved in several other organizations including the Harvard International Review, the Harvard Undergraduate Economics Association, and the Harvard Korean Association. In my spare time, I love listening to music (Ed Sheeran is my all-time fave!), cooking, watching movies (The Dark Knight is the greatest!), and exploring coffee shops! I'm excited to meet you all in February!

Hello! My name is Sarita, and I am a first-year interested in studying Sociology or Government with a secondary in Ethnicity Migration Rights. I am originally from Southern California and this will be my first time staffing HMC conference. As of right now, I am part of the Media & Marketing team for Harvard LEAD and involved with the Harvard Undergraduate Law Committee. During my free time I enjoy doing morning runs, producing and editing short films, and baking. I'm super excited to work with you all!

The Committee has authority over all modes of transportation – our aviation system, highways and bridges, transit and rail transportation, pipelines, and maritime and waterborne transportation. Additionally, it covers wastewater infrastructure, emergency preparedness programs, federal economic development agencies, and even the U.S. Coast Guard.



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Transportation and infrastructure are key components of every citizen's life in the United States.

Our first briefing deals with commercial aviation policy. Representatives will consider how, if at all, the airline industry should be reformed to enhance consumer protections, improve safety, and bring down prices.

Our second briefing will discuss the growing use of autonomous driving features in consumer vehicles. Since this is such a recent technological development, most of the laws governing the legality of these features are made on a state level with a great deal of variation. Additionally, government development in infrastructure for these vehicles could help make way for a more environmentally sustainable and safer transit system.

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!

Ethan , Andrew, Kayla, Benjamin, and Sarita