



Harvard Model Congress

Boston 2024

Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Dear Senators,

Firstly, welcome to Harvard Model Congress 2024! We are so excited to welcome you to Harvard Model Congress Boston and the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs! Our names are Muskaan Arshad, Miguel Chiapetta, Isaiah Flores, and Jonathan Haileselassie, and we will be your chairs for the committee at the conference.

Alongside debating and engaging with your fellow committee members, you will transform these fruitful discussions into collaborative sessions that bring about bipartisan solutions to an array of topics relating to issues of banking, housing, and urban issues. This year, we will be focusing on Fair Housing and homelessness, two incredibly pertinent and pressing issues our nation is dealing with.

Prior to the conference, delve into your role as a Senator and learn about their positions. Enter the discussion with a broad understanding of the issue from a variety of political lenses. Read through the briefings we have provided to gain a thorough understanding of the topics we will be exploring at the conference, and understand the perspective your assigned Senator will take. You'll be able to engage with a variety of individuals and viewpoints, widening your world view helping you deeply understand some of the most important issues facing the country.

As your chairs, our goal is to create an atmosphere that allows for all committee members to engage and discuss openly with your fellow delegates. We'll facilitate an environment that fosters collaboration and solution-oriented debate.

A quick introduction to each of us:

Muskaan is a Senior Staffer for the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Development. She is a junior at the College studying History and Literature with a secondary in Economics. She is Associate Managing Editor for the Harvard Political Review and was leading the organizing around the affirmative action Supreme Court Case, both at Harvard and nationwide, in tandem with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund.

Miguel is a freshman from Maryland and a Junior Staffer for the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Development. He intends to study Social Studies with a secondary in Ethnicity, Migration, and Rights. Outside of Harvard he spends his time working to encourage youth commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion and promotes youth engagement in community service in Baltimore. In his free time, he loves to paint, go to coffee



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shops with friends, and travel. He is so excited to be part of HMC and cannot wait for conference day!

Jonathan is a sophomore born in Kansas City, Missouri. He was raised in Asmara, Eritrea, and moved to the U.S. in 2013. Currently studying Government and Economics, he serves as a junior staffer for the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Development. One of his favorite memories is organizing around the Affirmative Action Supreme Court Case at Harvard in collaboration with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. Actively involved on campus, Jonathan holds various leadership positions, namely, as the Social Life Officer for the Harvard Undergraduate Association, the Special Events Chair for the Black Student Association, and the Political Action Chair for the Black Men's Forum. In his free time, he enjoys reading, playing basketball, and engaging in meaningful conversations with friends, showcasing his dynamic personality and commitment to community.

Isaiah is A freshman from Texas and a Junior Staffer for both HMCSF and HMC Boston. Isaiah serves on the Senate Committee for Banking, Housing, and Urban Development. He intends to study Government and Computer Science. Some of his activities on campus include projects relating to Housing Affordability, Green Energy, and Sustainability. In his spare time, he enjoys indoor gardening, exploring different cities, and meeting new people. Isaiah is super excited to kick off his first year of HMC and cannot wait to meet you at the conference!

Ella is a Sophomore originally from Minnesota and is staffing for the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Development. She intends to study Government and History with a plan to attend law school after college. Outside of the HMC Boston community, Ella serves on The Harvard Crimson Business Board, serves on the Board of HMC-Europe and HMC-Middle East, and participates in the Harvard Undergraduate Women in Business organization on campus. She is so excited to be part of HMC and cannot wait to meet you all!

We look forward to meeting you in February! Please let us know if you have any questions.

Best wishes,

Muskaan, Miguel, Isaiah, Jonathan, and Ella