

Dear Senators,

Firstly, welcome to Harvard Model Congress 2023! We are so excited to welcome you to Harvard Model Congress Boston and the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources! Our names are Blake Koerber, Ava Winer, Talia Vaught, Nathan Tesler, and Luke Schofield, and we will be your chairs for the committee at the conference.

As members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources you will be engaging, debating, and collaborating with one another in committee to create bipartisan solutions to a wide swath of topics relating to energy and natural resource use. This year, we will be focusing on Biological Carbon Offsets and Water Quality.

We recommend that you begin to explore your senator and their political beliefs, as well as any broader political debates that may come up during the conference. This will ensure that everyone at the conference has a fun and meaningful experience.

As your chairs, we will make sure that our committee is an inclusive and interactive one. We want you to feel comfortable discussing various legislative solutions with both us and your fellow delegates.

A quick introduction to each of us:

**Blake** is a Senior Staffer for the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. He is a senior at Harvard concentrating in Environmental Science and Public Policy with a Secondary in Classics. This will be his third time at HMC Boston and second time staffing the Senate Foreign Energy and Natural Resources Committee. Outside of HMC Boston, he is the Director of Operations and Technology for HMC Asia and the Communications and Technology Director for Harvard Undergraduate Clean Energy Group. Blake enjoys traveling, swimming, running, being outside, and spending time with friends.

**Ava** is a Senior Staffer for the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. She is a sophomore at Harvard concentrating in Social Studies. Outside of HMC, Ava is a part of the Harvard Crimson Business Board and the Harvard Ballet Company. This is her second year at HMC Boston, and she is so excited to meet everyone in February!

**Nathan** is a Junior Staffer for the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. He is a first-year at Harvard. This will be his first time staffing HMC Boston. Outside of HMC, he is involved in the Institute of Politics and jazz combos. In his free time, he loves playing jazz and rock music, biking, hiking, and playing Mario Kart with suitemates.

**Talia** is a Junior Staffer and a sophomore at Harvard College. She is studying Environmental Science and Engineering. She is also involved in the Institute of Politics. In her free time, Talia enjoys playing tennis, trying new coffee shops, and spending time with friends!

**Luke** is a Junior Staffer and a first-year at Harvard College. He is studying Environmental Science & Public Policy and is passionate about public lands (ask him anything about national parks!). In his free time, he also plays saxophone in the Harvard University Band and enjoys keeping up with politics, especially relating to his home state Georgia.

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

Best wishes,

Blake Koerber, Talia Vaught, Luke Schofield, Ava Winer, and Nathan Tesler