



# Harvard Model Congress

## Boston 2024

### Senate Finance Committee

Dear Senators,

Welcome to Harvard Model Congress 2024! We are so excited to welcome you to Harvard Model Congress Boston and the Senate Finance Committee! Our names are Henry, Ellen, Victor, Nghia, and Evelyn.

As members of the Finance Committee you will be engaging, debating, and collaborating with one another in committee to create bipartisan solutions to a wide swath of topics relating to a minimum global corporate tax and social security fiscal sustainability. This year, our committee will be focusing on these topics, and we are looking forward to your input and dialogue.

We suggest that before the conference, you research your assigned Senator and learn about their perspective on the economy and key issues of financial regulation, especially those that are likely to come up in committee debate. Having a firm grasp of your Senator's positions will not only make you better prepared for committee, but will enhance and enrich the debate overall. Be prepared to work closely with your fellow delegates to think critically about the issues on the table and craft thoughtful proposals to tackle them. As you encounter disagreement, remember that civil debate and the exchange of ideas are fundamental to both HMC and the law-making process. We expect you will be able to work across political differences to reach consensus on these important financial issues. Most of all, have fun!

A quick introduction to your committee chairs:

**Henry** is a junior, a double concentrator in Economics and Math, and a proud resident of Mather House near the Charles River. Previously, Henry co-staffed HMC conferences in Asia, Europe, San Francisco; this year will be his third Boston conference. In his free time, Henry enjoys studying American and Thai history, running, and reading theology.

**Ellen** is a junior at Harvard College from Swansea, MA. She is concentrating in Social Studies and Philosophy with a secondary in economics. Ellen's primary academic interests include the history of political, social, and economics thought. Last year, she staffed the Historical Committee at HMC, and this will be her second conference.

**Victor** is a senior at Harvard College from New Bedford, MA. He is pursuing a concurrent masters degree in computer science. Academically, Victor is interested in the intersections between software and finance, along with applying these technologies in Latin America. In his free time, he takes photographs, skateboards, and loves to spend time outdoors.

**Nghia** is a sophomore at Harvard College, from Hanoi, Vietnam. He is concentrating in Government or Social Studies. A first-time staffer in HMC, he is interested in foreign policy and research on historical events. Outside of HMC, his interests include cheering on his favorite soccer team, cycling, reading and listening to jazz.



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**Evelyn** is a freshman at Harvard College from Menlo Park, CA. This is her first time staffing HMC. At Harvard, she plans on studying Statistics and potentially pursuing a secondary in French. Aside from school, she also plays on the club tennis team and volunteers for the Philips Brooks House.

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

Best wishes,

Henry, Ellen, Victor, Nghia, and Evelyn