

GOVT2305

Extra Credit Assignment #1

Know Your Congress Member (25 points)

Provide the following for the member who represents YOU in the **United States House of Representatives**.

<https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>

- a. Your residential address, including your Zipcode
300 E CAMELLIA AVE, MCALLEN, TEXAS 78501
- b. Your Congressional district number and Representative's name
- c. Biographical information (education, length in office, profession, party affiliation, etc.—a minimum of **2 Sources required**)
- d. Legislative: Length in office, most recent committee assignments (specify any leadership or chair positions). Examine two or three of these bills that the representative or senator authored or co-authored (or sponsored or co-sponsored), and briefly describe the purpose/types of the bills. **USE YOUR OWN WORDS!**
- e. Using www.followthemoney.org (and/or any other good government group's website), summarize how much money your representative has raised in the last two general election cycles. Who were/are his or her major campaign donors? How does your representative's fund-raising compare to that of his or her opponent?
- f. Does it appear that a quid pro quo exists between the bills sponsored by your representative and sources of his or her campaign money—in other words, did your representative or do favors for his financial backers through his or her legislative work?