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Know 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

15th congressional district

Representative name- Vicente Gonzalez

c) ²Biographical information (education, length in office, profession, party affiliation, etc.—a minimum of 2 Sources required)

Vincente Gonzalez was born in Corpus Christi. He part of his young life, he joined Roman Catholic School in Corpus. During his junior year in high school, he dropped out of school. Later he enrolled at Del Mar Junior College after obtaining G.E.D and received an associate ³degree in banking and finance. In 1992, Gonzalez was awarded a Bachelor of Science in aviation ³business administration and in 1996 he graduated Texas Wesleyan University School of Law.

Vincente Gonzalez is both an American attorney and politician who serves as the Texas's 15th district United States Representative. He is a Democratic Party member. Gonzalez won the 2016 general elections and was re-elected to serve in the 116th Congress for a second term.

d) ²Legislative: 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 ²briefly describe the purpose/types of the bills. USE YOUR OWN WORDS!

Gonzalez is serving a second term in office. At the beginning of the 115th Congress, he was assigned the Committee of Financial Services.

Some of the legislation co-sponsored by Gonzalez are:

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Expanded & Improved Medicare for All Acts, H.R. 849 – he opposes the efforts of turning medical care into a coupon system.

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Protecting seniors' Access to Medicare Act of 2017 H.R. 508- this legislation will ensure that those elders are not exploited financially, and their finances are compensated through the quality of healthcare they receive.

- e) **Using www.followthemoney.org (and any other good government group's website),**
2
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?

During the 2016 election cycle, Gonzalez's campaign committee raised a total of \$2,403,433 while during the 2019 election cycle, \$433,092 was raised.

Among the industries contributing to Gonzalez's election committee gas and oil industry was the major contributor.

In 2016 Vincente Gonzalez raised \$2,403,433 while his opponent Tim Westley raised \$16,241.

- 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 favours for his financial backers through his or her legislative work?**

Vincente Gonzalez did favours to his financial supporters through his legislation because he addressed ¹ the long-term challenges associated with funding Social Security and ensure that seniors' hard-earned benefits keep pace with the rising cost of living, healthcare, and prescription drugs

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