**Letter to Representative and Senator Assignment**

-You will type an email to your state and U.S. Representatives and Senators and then email it to them and copy Mrs. Turner @ turner\_r@hcde.org. Their contact information is below.

-Your letter should focus on an issue that we have discussed in class or another important issue from today (examples: the environment, military spending, the NSA, the economy, the federal debt, etc.). Your issue should be approved by the teacher first.

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| **Category** | **Mastered** *(20-25 pts.)* | **Proficient***(10-19 pts.)* | **Needs Improvement***(0-9 pts.)* | **Points Awarded** |
| **Length** | Email is at least 2,500 characters (including spaces)-this is approximately 1 ½ pages | Email is from 1,700-2,500 characters (including spaces)-this is approximately ¾ -1 page long | Email is less than 1,700 characters |  |
| **Content** | Student has (1) identified the problem, (2) provided a sufficient amount of background information about the problem, and (3) offered a viable solution to the problem; Explanations are easy to understand  | Student has identified the problem, provided some background information, and offered a solution; Email is somewhat compelling but may not flow well and only provides brief explanations | Student has left out one of the following: (1) identify the problem, (2) provide background information, or (3) offered a solution; Email is not compelling and does not flow well; few or no explanations |  |
| **Research & Sources** | Student has cited at least four separate, reliable sources | Student has cited two-four separate, reliable sources OR sources are unreliable | Student has cited one or less sources and sources are unreliable |  |
| **Individual Participation** | Student fully participated and has 0 absences | Student participated but may have been off task at times; 1 absence | Student was mostly off task |  |

***\*More than one absence will result in you completing your own project!***

**Contact Information:**

 U.S. Senator Lamar Alexander

 U.S. Senator Bob Corker

 U.S. Representative-District 9 Chuck Fleischmann

*\*\*For Alexander, Corker, & Fleischmann, GOOGLE their name + email then copy your letter into the form on their websites.*

 TN Senator- Bo Watson, District 11

 Sen.Bo.Watson@capitol.tn.gov

 TN Representative- Mike Carter. District 29

 Rep.Mike.Carter@capitol.tn.gov