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Assignment: My Legislative Agenda

Congratulations on your recent election! You have settled into your new office and the legislative session is about to begin. Your staff has gathered in your Washington D.C. office. They will be acting on your behalf over the coming legislative session, so it is very important that you provide them with clear vision of who you are and your legislative priorities. They are smart and ambitious, and they're not going to stick around if they sense that all you care about is getting reelected - what fun is that? They want to be inspired to get out there and hustle on your behalf!

Prepare a memo to distribute of approximately 2 single spaced pages in length.

This memo should begin with how you view your role as a representative. Who do you represent? How do you plan to represent them?

It should then provide information about your personal issue priorities. What specific policy goals do you hope to advance during your term of office?

Finally, an important role of your staff is to keep you updated on what is happening in Congress more generally. Which issues critical to your reelection do they need to be looking out for? Why are these issues important for your reelection?

