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| **Item A: Research Guide** |
| **Step 1: Research an elected official.** |
| **Name of elected official:**  |  |
| **Position:** |  |
| **Primary responsibility:**  |  |
| **Party affiliation:**  |  |
| **Years in office:** |  |
| **Membership in professional organizations or caucuses (if applicable):** |  |
| **Committee assignments (if applicable):** |  |
| **Recent votes, initiatives, and positions taken on issues:** |  |
| **Do you agree with these votes and positions? Why or why not?** |  |
| **What did you learn about this elected official that surprised you?** |  |
| **Would you consider this official to be effective? Why or why not?** |  |
| **Step 2: Research an issue you want your elected official to address.**  |
| **What issue are you concerned about?** **What evidence explains the issue, its causes and its importance?** **What sources did you find that gave you this evidence****What do you want the official to do about your issue? Why?** |  |