

In approximately 800 words or less, identify a bill introduced in Congress (House or Senate) during the most recent session and analyze the pros and cons of the legislation. State and explain your position, provide policy recommendations and identify their impact on the Hispanic and/or Portuguese community. Follow MLA format, and cite your sources. Plagiarism will result in dismissal of the application. We strongly recommend writing your analysis on one of the following topics:

Trade and International Affairs, Public Service, Energy and Environment, Education, Technology, Commerce, Agriculture, Foreign Policy.

CHECKLIST

Visit www.congress.gov and type in a topic that interests you. Search until you find one that you would like to analyze.

PART 1: INTRODUCTION

- Introduce the bill, its main sponsors, and how it intends to help the population and address the problem at hand.
- Incorporate background history and statistics to help the reader fully understand the scope of the bill.

PART 2: PROS AND CONS

- Analyze the positive (pro) aspects of the bill. Why are they positive?
- Analyze the negative (con) aspects of the bill. Why are they negative?

Some things to take into consideration:

Cost, scope, legality, effectiveness, and political acceptability.

Who might this help and who might it hurt?

PART 3: FOR OR AGAINST?

- Based on your analyses, identify your position (for or against)
If you are having trouble, try asking yourself, "If passed, how would this bill affect me, my family, or my community?"
- Based on the cons of this bill, what would you change? Provide detailed suggestions.
Researching other existing or proposed policies may help. Don't forget to reference them.

PART 4: CONCLUSION

- End with a call to action. Should this legislation be passed?

PART 5: PROOFREAD

- Have someone read it over and ask if they understand your position and recommendations.
- Double check your grammar
- Make final edits

In approximately 800 words, share your background. Include your family, work, educational and community experience that led you to apply to the CHLI Global Leaders Program. How do these experiences relate to your long-term goals? How will you continue your leadership within your community? What are your greatest strengths? And what are areas you would like to improve? Every person has a story. We want to learn about your unique story. Here are some important things to include in your personal statement, that may not be reflected in the rest of your application.

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PARAGRAPH 1: INTRO

- How will the CHLI Global Leaders Program help you achieve your long-term goals? In other words, what do you want to gain from this experience?

PARAGRAPHS 2-3:

- What is/are your passion(s) and purpose? In other words, what is important to you? Where did these passions come from, and what do you do (or want to do) to stay involved? If you feel that you are not sure, try asking yourself what is motivating you to apply for this program.
- What community are you a part of and what makes you feel tied to that community? In other words, why is it important to you? How is your community or background tied to your passions?
- We want to know specific experiences about your life that have led you to this very moment. How have your passions and experiences shaped you into the person you are today?

PARAGRAPH 4: CONCLUSION

- Bring it full circle. What will you be taking back to your community from this experience, and how?

Two letters of recommendation from a current or former professor, employer, community/church leader, or mentor are required. Letters must be included with your supporting documents. If recommenders would like to submit it themselves, they may email it directly to dzambrano@chli.org. We encourage that you be copied on the email as well.

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- Greet your potential recommender formally.
- Remind them who you are and about your professional relationship (i.e. "I enjoyed serving as your Administrative Intern last August..." or, "I enjoyed your International Relations course last Spring.")
- Recap one or two of your accomplishments during that time (i.e. "After much effort, I was proud to receive an A in your course.")
- Explain that you are currently applying for the CHLI Global Leaders Program and provide a link in case they would like to learn more. Make sure to include the deadline for the application.
- Politely ask for their letter of recommendation.
- It will help to attach a document with your resume/CV, a personal statement with your photo or headshot, and a list of your accomplishments, either on this email or after they confirm.