

## Activity 2: Congressional District Role Cards (cut apart)

### District A

You represent a very fiscally conservative district in Indiana. You ran on a campaign of getting Washington in better fiscal condition and decreasing the federal deficit. Your district is the nation's #1 manufacturing congressional district. Manufacturing makes up 23% of the total employment of your district. Your constituents are concerned about overreaching federal power and don't want to see a lot of strings attached to any federal aid they may get, preferring to keep the "handouts" to a minimum.

### District B

You represent a district in Georgia which is almost entirely comprised of downtown Atlanta. The film industry has been a huge boom to Georgia over the last four years, including tens of millions of direct spending in Atlanta. This means spending on hotels, rental cars, catering, securing, insurance, construction materials, and many other things that provide jobs in your district. The Democratic leadership in the House, however, is not expressing much enthusiasm for bailing out that industry. During your campaign you made healthcare your primary issue and promised results. Delta Airlines, based in Atlanta, also contributes nicely to your campaign.

### District C

You call a large Massachusetts district home. It covers about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of Boston – home of the Celtics, Bruins, Red Sox, Revolution and (regionally) the Patriots. The Boston Globe reported that the 2020 Pandemic caused at least \$100 million of losses in your city. Sports are not the only industry in your heavily liberal district, however. Your campaign emphasized opposing conservative officials, more gender equity, and greater access to healthcare. In general, your constituents are fairly open to government assistance that supports them and their local economy.

### District D

You represent a Nebraskan congressional district that is the single biggest farming district in the country with over 35,000 farms. It's no secret that you are willing to fight for an agriculture bailout at almost any cost. Since you also sit on the trade subcommittee, you are in favor of saving any industry that might be able to generate exports for the United States goods and/or services. You have publicly stated many times that you'd much rather see 100 small businesses than 10 large ones, so your bailout decisions need to be made with that in mind – or you risk seeming contradictory.

# Who Gets Bailed Out and Why

## District E

You represent the New York district largely comprised of parts of the Bronx and Queens. In general, you are opposed bailouts because you see them as going to corporations without ways of holding them accountable for how they spend the money. Your district has one of the highest per capita retail store ratios in the country and an increasing demand for affordable housing. If you had your way, the people would get more direct money and they in turn would support the corporations they wanted.

## District F

You represent a Californian typically referred to as the most conservative district on the West Coast. The big industries in your area are farming, manufacturing and distribution facilities. While you would like to see federal spending curbed a little, you have been known to vote for increased spending in times of emergencies, especially with regards to transportation and infrastructure-related programs. Of course, being from California, you also understand the impact sports and entertainment can have on the overall impact of a state.