

# SS236 Unit 4 Discussion | Sample

## Example No. 1:

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Mr. Hudson:

I have been researching some of the causes that you have supported, and I would like to thank you for the wonderful work that you have done for our Veterans. As the wife of a Veteran, I understand how much these men and women sacrifice and deserve. Your efforts are appreciated and they do not go unnoticed.

We have recently moved to North Carolina from the neighboring state of South Carolina. In South Carolina, I was an in-home behavior interventionist for children who have Autism. It was a booming field, as there were so many children and families to be served. After moving to North Carolina, I began my search for work in the field of Autism. I quickly discovered that there were no jobs for this field of work. I began to look into it and realized that North Carolina is one of only a handful of states that does not mandate insurance coverage for Autism services.

After securing a position with a school for children with autism, I realized how seriously this lack of coverage was affecting families. To give you some insight, I'd like to share the stories of a couple of my students. I teach a little boy, who just turned three. He and his mom live three hours away from his dad (mom's husband), because the school he attends that can meet his needs, is the closest resource they have. The family has had to sell their home, one car, and take out several personal loans to pay the tuition for the services. I have another student who is in the process of moving to South Carolina, just because the family cannot afford the services that the child needs.

The Autism Care's act (HR 4631) would help protect families such as these. However, you were not a cosponsor of this bill. I would be interested to know where it is that you stand on this issue. What can North Carolina do to stand up for children with autism and their families? I would like to challenge you to consider becoming involved in an initiative to add North Carolina to the other states who have already adapted the Insurance reform for autism services. Thank you for your time.

United States Congress. (2014)H.R.4631 - Autism Collaboration, Accountability, Research, Education, and Support Act of 2014. Retrieved from:  
<https://www.congress.gov/bill/113thcongress/house-bill/4631/text>

## Example No. 2:

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Mr. Stewart, I would like to first say to you, Thank You for your service to our Country. It is an honorable position to have and to uphold working for our Military. Now, working as a Congressman in our great state of Utah is an honorable position as well. That being said I believe there are those members within our Congress that do not uphold the values of having this elected position. You Sir, are not one of those members, and I have a great deal of pride in stating that you are my Congressman.

I have done a great deal of research on your Legislation, and I have to say I am very impressed with all you are working towards. For example you are Sponsoring Legislation act, H.D.4934, the Regulatory Agency Demilitarization (RAD). I was unaware of all the agencies within our country who have taken advantage of the Homeland Security Act that was implemented in 2002. To know that specific agencies such as the FDA have their own SWAT team is frightening. I do not believe that this should ever be allowed. Knowing that you are sponsoring the RAD act, in which all these agencies must be accountable, and have to provide records of all they are purchasing and providing training is a necessity in my opinion. I thank you for this, I become very angry when I think of all the private militarization that is happening within our countries agencies, however the citizens of our country are being ostracized, and are being cornered into forgoing their second amendment rights to bear arms.

I wanted to comment to you about the H.R.4682 Veterans TRICARE choice Act. This Act is one that I do not believe many citizens will understand unless they are related to someone within the military. I say this only due to the fact that if you have not lived through it, it is hard to understand it. Congressman Stewart, you do have first hand knowledge of being in and out of the military. Therefore I believe you know just what obstacles Veterans face when they become civilians outside of the military. There are so many rules, and regulations, which only decreases the ability for our Veterans to gain all the help and support they need. This Act you are sponsoring is a giant step in the right direction. It allows Veterans to receive benefits that before they would not be eligible for.

I want to also commend you on the H.R.4256 Act, the Endangered Species Improvement Act. Living in Utah I have seen just how many animals we have in existence that are on the Endangered Species list. If the government were to properly count these animals on both federal and private lands, I believe some of these species would no longer be on the Endangered Species list. Therefore allowing funding to be used in a different manner. The H.R.3311 PARC Act I believe is of vital use within our state. When our government was shut down for 17 days millions if not billions of dollars were lost due to the shut down. This Act would prevent our state's parks, transportation and many other government funded statewide sites to remain open. No one wants the government to shut down again, however with this Act you are providing your residents security, and I want to thank you for that.

Congressman Stewart, I wrote to you today to thank you for all that you are doing within your office to further our state and our country. I researched your Sponsored and Co-Sponsored Legislation and I did not find one item that I did not agree with, or find lacking. That is not an easy thing to do, especially in our present society. So Congressman Stewart thank you for all you are continually doing, and I look forward to seeing all that is to come from your time in Office.

Sincerely,

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