**My State Representatives and Senators**

Florida has a representative form of government. That means that citizens elect individuals to serve in political office. These elected officials make decisions on our behalf. Some of the individuals who are elected work in the legislative branch. This branch is responsible for making rules and laws that protect and help Florida citizens. The legislative branch consists of the Florida House of Representatives and the Florida Senate. They work in the Capitol building in Tallahassee, Florida. The House has 120 members, and the Senate has 40 members. The members represent different districts in the state of Florida.

Because these members are elected into their position, they are there to serve the people! That means that as citizens, you should communicate your needs with your representatives. You can let them know which bills/laws you want them to fight for or against, changes you’d like to see made in your community, and inform them of things that are going well in your community. They love to hear from the people they represent (constituents). Appropriate methods for communicating with your elected officials include: writing letters/emails, calling, visiting their offices, and attending meetings.

**Directions**: Using the websites below, collect information on the individuals that represent your district. This will include information about how to contact them.

**Florida House of Representatives**: <https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/representatives>

**Florida Senate**: <https://www.flsenate.gov/Senators/Find>

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