Chair Letter:

Hi Delegates,

Thank you all for coming to the Capo Conference! My name is Michael Jamil and I am fortunate enough to be your head chair for U.S. Senate.

Here at Capo, I'm on the varsity soccer team and involved in many clubs. I am a senior and this is my 2nd year of MUN. Outside of school, I like to surf, listen to music, and hangout with my friends. I joined MUN because I love to debate and talk about government and politics. I'm also just very stubborn and like to be right so MUN fits me pretty well. I look forward to this conference with you all and good luck with your research!

Hi everyone my name is Chase and I'm the co-chair for today's conference. I am a sophomore here at Capo and this is my second year of doing MUN. I am on the board of the surfrider club and enjoy being a part of school. Outside of school I like listening to music, being with friends, and watching shows. I also love animals and traveling which contributes to me being involved in MUN and why I do it. I'm happy to be your co-chair today. Please feel free to ask me any questions. If you need any help or have any questions please email me at <u>chasemmasters@gmail.com</u>. Feel free to use our position paper down below as a guide on how to set things up or if you need some formatting help.

Topic Synopsis: United States Senate Committee on Legislation for Gun Control to Prevent School Shootings

Background:

The United States has experienced a troubling trend of school shootings over the years, leading to loss of innocent lives and widespread concern about the safety of students and educators. The issue of gun control and its potential to mitigate this crisis has been a topic of contentious debate in the nation. As the legislative body responsible for crafting and passing federal laws, the United States Senate is tasked with addressing this critical issue head-on.

Committee Overview:

The United States Senate Committee on Legislation for Gun Control to Prevent School Shootings is convened to deliberate on comprehensive measures aimed at reducing the incidence of school shootings across the nation. The committee's primary goal is to explore various legislative solutions that can effectively enhance gun control regulations, improve school safety, and safeguard the lives of students, teachers, and staff in educational institutions.

Key Discussion Points:

1. Firearm Regulation: Discuss and debate proposals for stricter regulations on the sale, ownership, and possession of firearms, with a particular focus on semi-automatic weapons and high-capacity magazines.

2. Background Checks: Evaluate the necessity and feasibility of implementing universal background checks for all firearm purchasers, including closing existing loopholes in the current system.

3. Mental Health Considerations: Explore the intersection of mental health issues and gun violence, and assess potential measures to identify and support individuals at risk of committing acts of violence.

4. School Security: Examine strategies to improve security measures in educational institutions, including the deployment of trained personnel, surveillance systems, and emergency response protocols.

5. Public Awareness and Education: Consider initiatives to raise public awareness about the consequences of gun violence, promote responsible gun ownership, and provide education on safe storage and handling of firearms.

6. Community Engagement: Discuss ways to engage communities and local law enforcement agencies in collaborative efforts to prevent school shootings.

7. Second Amendment Rights: Balance the discussion with respect to Second Amendment rights, taking into account the need for responsible firearm ownership while addressing the critical issue of school shootings.

8. Interstate Cooperation: Explore the potential for federal legislation to harmonize gun control measures across states and address issues related to firearms crossing state lines.