**Task 3: Institutional Plan**

As you are learning from this project, interest groups cannot make policy happen on their own, they need to engage policy makers. Figuring out how best to work with various governmental institutions is the only way that interest groups can achieve policy goals. In this task, your goal is to help your client come up with a comprehensive institutional plan that touches upon all three branches of government. If you are able to help your client build positive relationships with all three branches of government, your client’s policy goals are more likely to succeed.

**Part One (Executive Branch):** Based on your in depth knowledge of your client, decide which bureaucratic agencies your client should build relationships with. Consider the following:

1. Which agencies regulate or oversee policies on issues that your client cares about (note: this will require you to research some of the main bureaucratic agencies in the executive branch)?
2. What role(s) do these agencies play in influencing/regulating/enforcing the particular policy?
3. How (lobbying, revolving door, etc.) might your client build relationships with these agencies?
4. How will having access to these agencies help your client’s goals?
5. Which agencies does your client already have a relationship with? Why might it be important to keep these relationships? Or build new ones?

**Part Two (Legislative Branch):** Based on what you know about your client, current events, and bureaucratic agencies, decide which legislations or policies your client should keep an eye on:

1. Is there a piece of current legislation/policy that might be of interest to your client? Why?
2. How might your client influence legislation or policy based on their resources (e.g., are there open hearings on the issue? Do they have existing relationships with members of congress? Are their other allies they can collaborate with? Etc.)?
3. How might this legislation/policy dovetail with your work with bureaucratic agencies?

**Part Three (Judicial Branch):** Based on everything you’ve learned so far, decide whether the courts can help your client’s policy goals:

1. Are their court cases on the docket that might involve your client’s issue(s) (you will need to look into current contentious court cases)?
2. Decide whether litigation (either ongoing or a new one) might with worthwhile for your client
3. Should resources be spent to involve the courts?

The plan should:

* Identify specific regulations, policies, or legislation that the client should focus on, and why.
* Identify how judicial, bureaucratic, and legislative processes will influence the client’s goals.
* Decide how the client should engage with the regulation, policy, or legislation (e.g., what strategies should the client engage in) and why.
* Explain how these strategies (and relationships with the three branches of government) will help the client’s goals.

**Peer Feedback**

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**Institutional Plan:**  (Reviewing team, paraphrase the goal as you understand it from their plan):

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