Who do you need to know?

SASA
Student Association for STEM Advocacy

Federal Branches

Legislative Branch

-119th Congress (2 years, each session 1 year)

-House

-2-year term

-Senate

-6-year term (staggered every 2 yrs)

Executive Branch

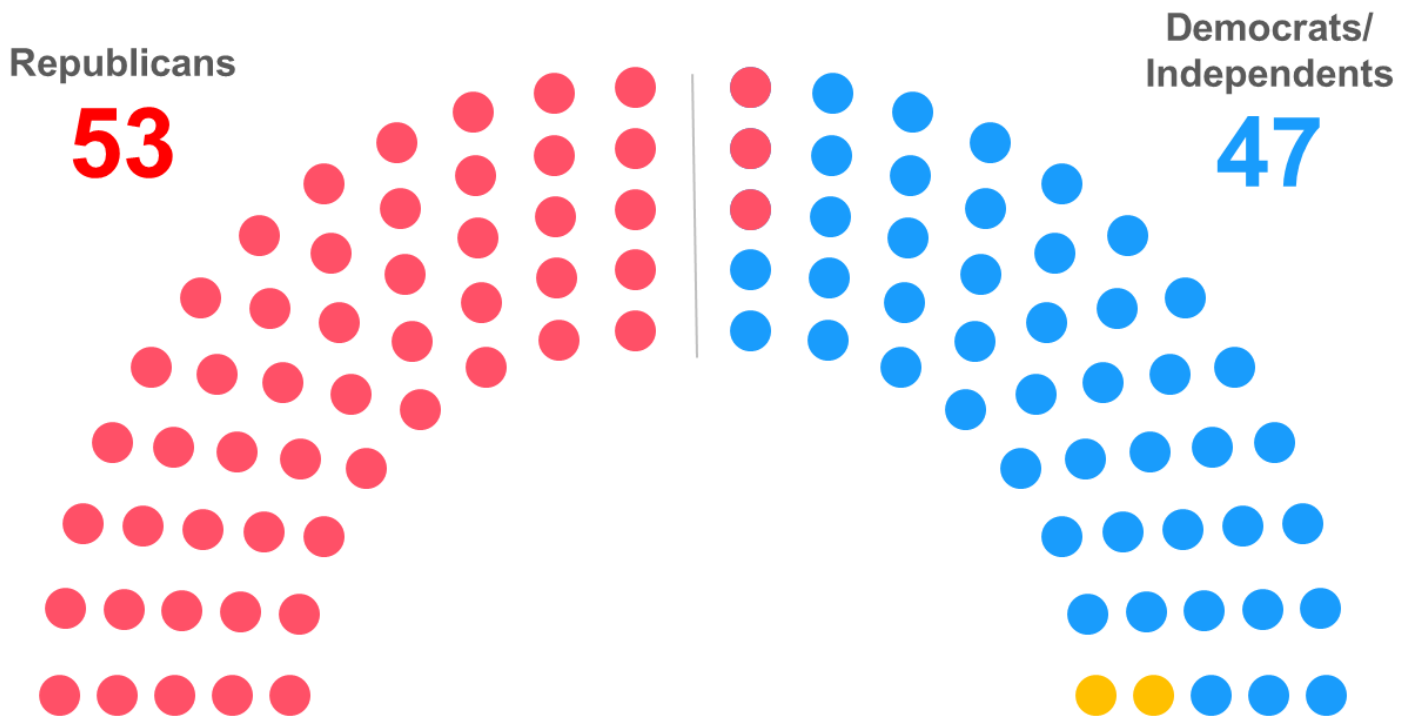
-President (White House, Administration)

-4 Year Term

Judicial Branch

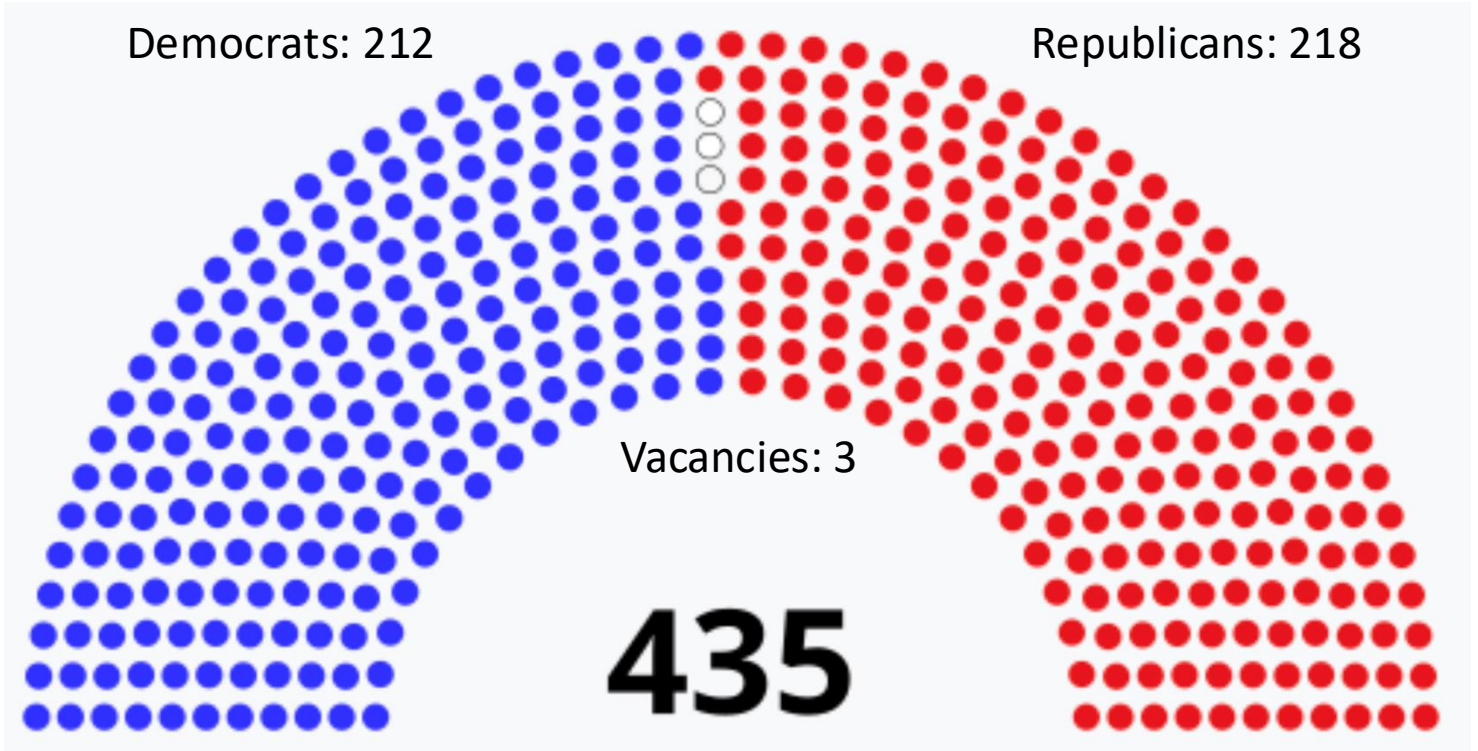
SASA
Student Association for STEM Advocacy

Republican Majority of the Senate



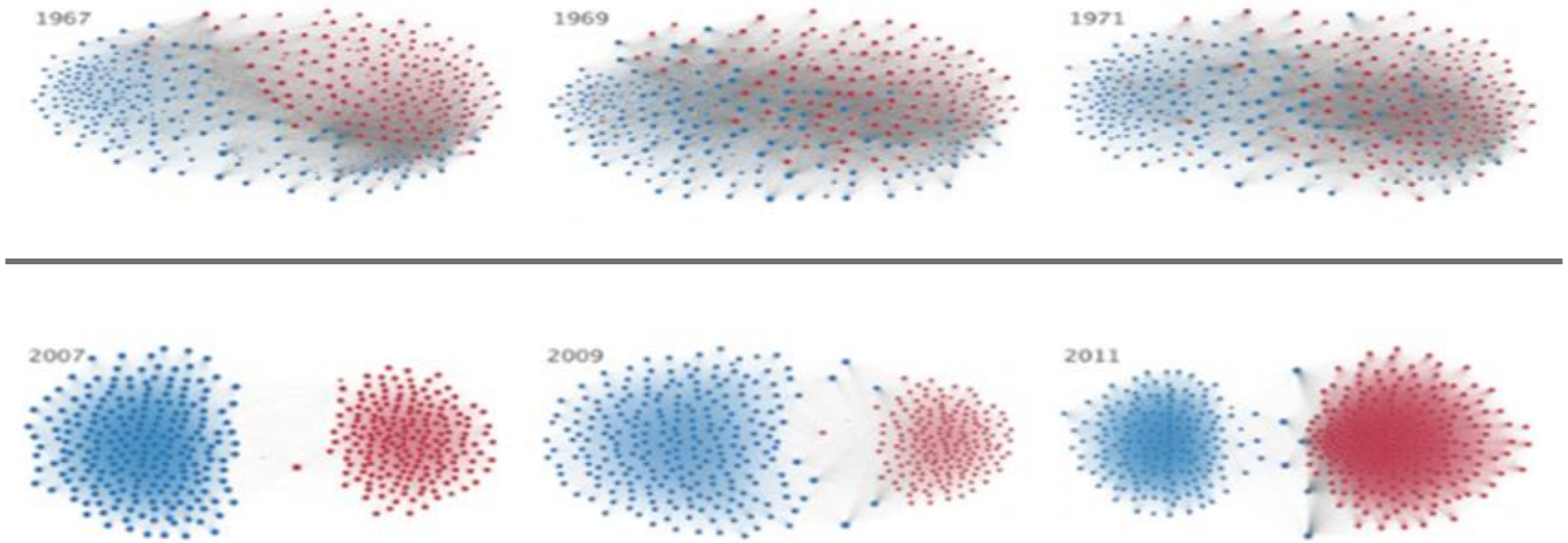
SASA
Student Association for STEM Advocacy

Republican Majority of the House



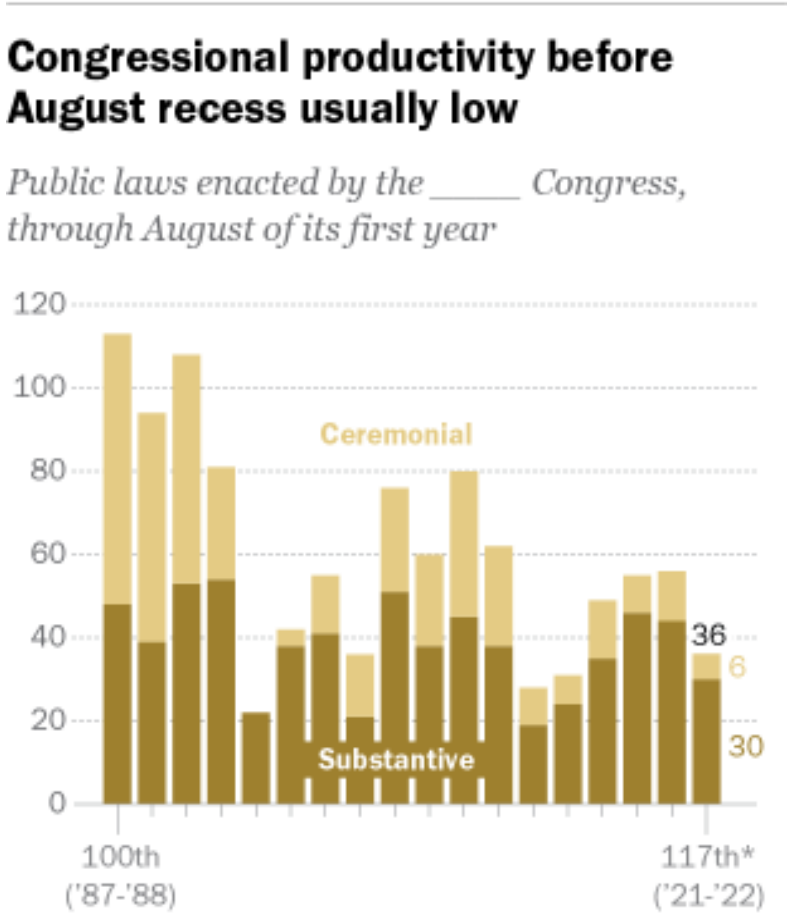
SASA
Student Association for STEM Advocacy

Polarization of Congress



SASA
Student Association for STEM Advocacy

Congressional Productivity



946 Laws: The 84th Congress passed more laws than any other post-WWII due to unified Dem control of both chambers

343 Laws: The 104th Congress reached a then-low due to partisan division following the 1995 shutdown.

278 Laws: The 112th Congress (2011 - 2013) was the least productive on record

362 Laws: 117th Congress (2021-2023)

273 Laws: 118th Congress (2023-2025)

101 Laws: 119th Congress (2025-Present)

SASA
Student Association for STEM Advocacy

The Senate

SASA
Student Association for STEM Advocacy

Senate Republican Leadership (Majority)



Senate Majority Leader,
John Thune (R-SD)



Senate Majority Whip,
John Barrasso (R-WY)

SASA
Student Association for STEM Advocacy

Senate Democratic Leadership (Minority)



Senate Minority Leader,
Chuck Schumer (D-NY)



Senate Minority Whip,
Dick Durbin (D-IL)

SASA
Student Association for STEM Advocacy

Other Senate Leaders



President of the Senate,
Vice President
J.D. Vance



President Pro Tempore,
Chuck Grassley (R-IA)

5 years younger than sliced bread 👏

SASA
Student Association for STEM Advocacy

Senate HELP Committee Leadership



Chairman,

Bill Cassidy (R-LA)

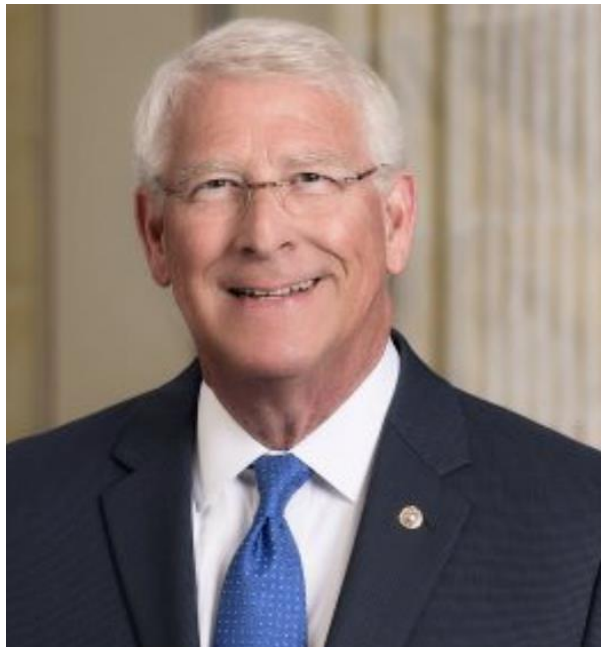


Ranking Member,

Bernie Sanders (I-VT)

SASA
Student Association for STEM Advocacy

Senate Committee on Armed Services Leadership



Chairman,
Roger Wicker (R-MS)



Ranking Member,
Jack Reed (D-RI)

SASA
Student Association for STEM Advocacy

Senate Appropriations Committee Leadership



Chairwoman,
Susan Collins (R-ME)



Vice Chair,
Patty Murray (D-WA)

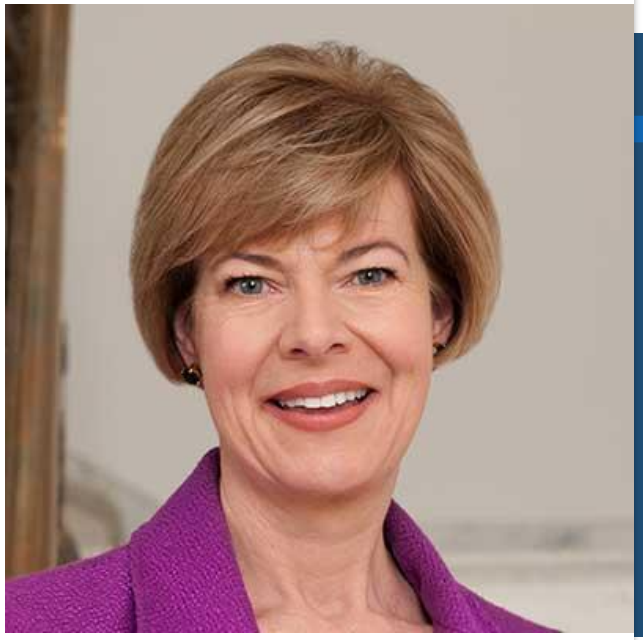
SASA
Student Association for STEM Advocacy

Senate Appropriations Labor-H Subcommittee Leadership



Chairwoman,

Shelly Moore Capito (R-WV)



Ranking Member,

Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)

SASA
Student Association for STEM Advocacy

House of Representatives

SASA
Student Association for STEM Advocacy

House Republican Leadership (Majority)

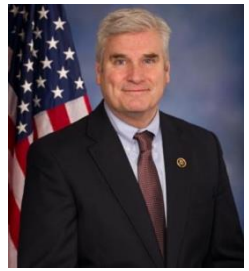
- Speaker of the House,
  Mike Johnson (R-LA)



- Majority Leader,
  Steve Scalise (R-LA)



- Majority Whip,
  Tom Emmer (R-MN)



SASA
Student Association for STEM Advocacy

House Democratic Leadership (Minority)



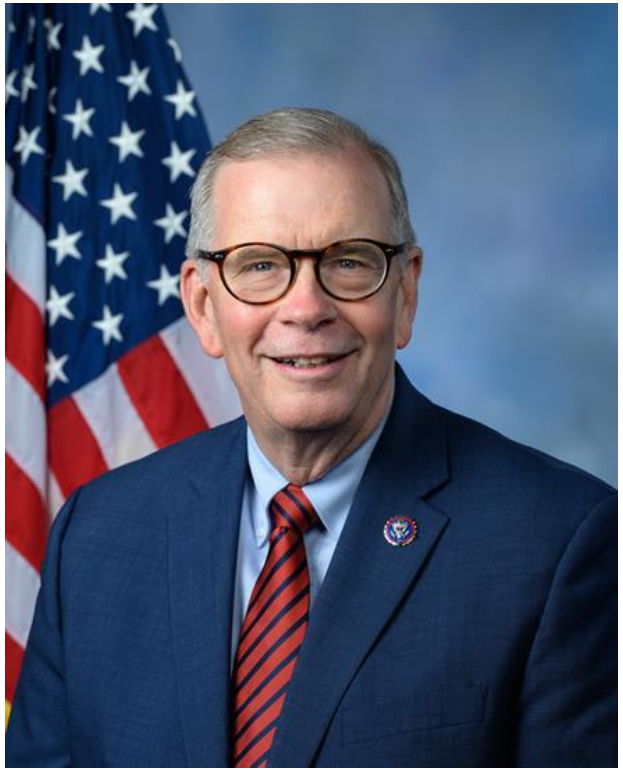
Minority Leader,
Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY)



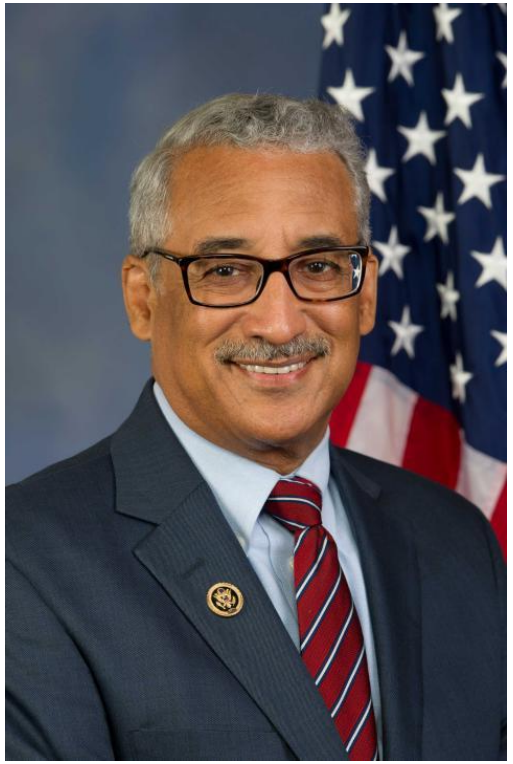
Minority Whip,
Katherine Clark (D-MA)

SASA
Student Association for STEM Advocacy

House Education and Workforce Committee Leadership



Chairman,
Tim Walberg (R-MI)



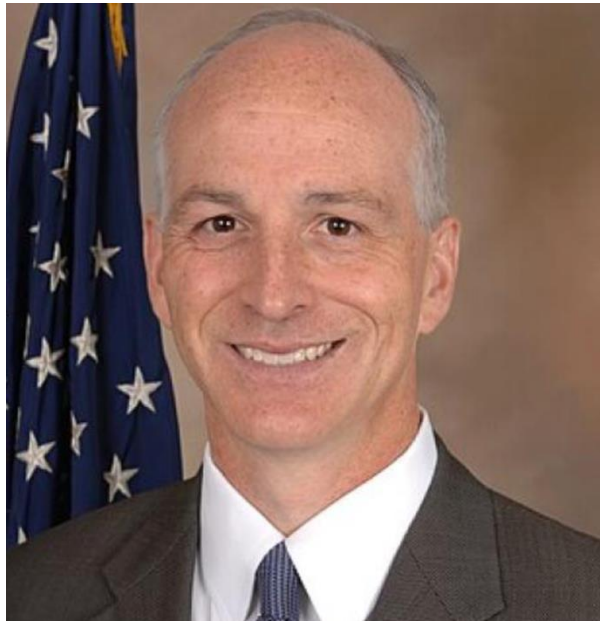
Ranking Member,
Robert Scott (D-VA)

SASA
Student Association for STEM Advocacy

House Committee on Armed Services Leadership



Chairman
Mike Rogers (R-AL)



Ranking Member
Adam Smith (D-WA)

SASA
Student Association for STEM Advocacy

House Appropriations Committee Leadership



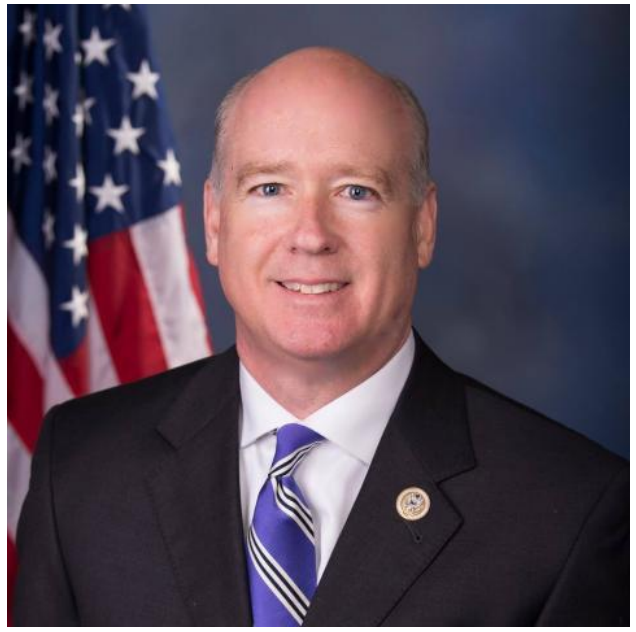
Chairman,
Tom Cole (R-OK)



Ranking Member,
Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)

SASA
Student Association for STEM Advocacy

House Appropriations Labor-H Subcommittee Leadership



Chairman,
Robert Aderholt (R-AL)



Ranking Member,
Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)

SASA
Student Association for STEM Advocacy

The Trump Administration



President,
Donald Trump



Secretary of Education,
Linda McMahon

SASA
Student Association for STEM Advocacy

Roles of Administration & Agencies

Administration

- The executive branch of the federal government headed by the President

Agencies

- Departments in the executive branch carry out legislative programs
- The secretary of the department is appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate
- Departments write regulations interpreting laws and implementing programs

SASA
Student Association for STEM Advocacy

Executive Departments

- Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- Department of Commerce
- **Department of Defense (DOD)**
- **Department of Education (USED)**
- Department of Energy
- Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
- Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- Department of the Interior
- Department of Justice (DOJ)
- Department of Labor (DOL)
- Department of State (DOS)
- Department of Transportation (DOT)
- Department of the Treasury
- Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

SASA
Student Association for STEM Advocacy

Questions?

Text Questions to 248-419-1189

mysasa.org/nacmaterials

SASA
Student Association for STEM Advocacy