

- **Question:** How do legislators' constituency-focused efforts change as they gain power and experience in Washington?
- **Data:** (Near) census of Congressional contact with bureaucracy
 - 400 Freedom of Information Act Requests (294 components) from 2007-2017
 - 383818 Contacts (so far)
 - 90% of contacts are focused on constituency service
- **Design:**

$$Y_{ijt} = \beta' \text{Committee Position}_{it} + \sum_{s=1}^6 \eta_s I(\text{tenure}_{it} = s) + \gamma_{ij} + \delta_{jt} + m_{it} + p_{it} + \epsilon_{ijt}$$

Where:

- Y_{ijt} = Number of contacts between legislator i and agency j in year t
- β = Effect of obtaining committee position
- η_s = Effect of tenure s
- γ_{ij} = Legislator i x Agency j fixed effect
- δ_{jt} = Agency j x Year t fixed effect
- m_{it}, p_{it} time varying controls

Standard errors clustered at legislator-agency level

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Committee Chair	0.682 (0.0855)	0.213 (0.0747)	0.213 (0.0747)	0.0328 (0.00648)
Ranking Member	0.789 (0.0848)	0.0916 (0.0659)	0.0916 (0.0659)	0.0216 (0.00638)
Prestige Committee	0.440 (0.0332)	0.0688 (0.0263)	0.0688 (0.0263)	0.0169 (0.00467)
Oversight Committee	0.422 (0.0299)	0.169 (0.0193)	0.167 (0.0195)	0.0575 (0.00324)
First Year	-0.203 (0.0308)	-0.149 (0.0346)	-0.153 (0.0350)	-0.0246 (0.00526)
Second Year	-0.0835 (0.0339)	-0.0448 (0.0334)	-0.0413 (0.0336)	0.00388 (0.00509)
Third Year	-0.0478 (0.0345)	0.00958 (0.0326)	0.00956 (0.0326)	0.00930 (0.00480)
Fourth Year	-0.0201 (0.0380)	0.0339 (0.0307)	0.0339 (0.0307)	0.0144 (0.00469)
Fifth Year	-0.0405 (0.0356)	0.0129 (0.0294)	0.0129 (0.0294)	0.00178 (0.00433)
Sixth Year	-0.0420 (0.0371)	0.0289 (0.0277)	0.0289 (0.0277)	0.00333 (0.00414)
Majority, President's Party	✓	✓	✓	✓
Legislator × Agency Fixed Effects		✓	✓	✓
Year × Agency Fixed Effects		✓	✓	✓
All Legislators	✓	✓		✓
Serve At Least Second Term			✓	
Dependent Variable	Count	Count	Count	Log(Count + 1)
Observations	337610	337610	330215	337610

Robust standard errors in parentheses, clustered at legislator x agency level