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As a resident of New York City, I recently accessed the website of the U.S. House of Representatives to locate my local representative. After some browsing, I found that my representative is Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, who represents the 14th Congressional District of New York.

After further examination, I discovered that Representative Ocasio-Cortez serves on several committees, including the Committee on Financial Services and the Committee on Oversight and Reform. These committees focus on issues such as banking, consumer protection, and government oversight, among others.

In terms of legislation, Representative Ocasio-Cortez has sponsored or co-sponsored several bills, including the Green New Deal, which aims to address climate change and create jobs in the renewable energy sector. She has also co-sponsored bills related to healthcare, education, and social justice.

After reviewing her personal website and press releases, I would describe Representative Ocasio-Cortez as a legislator who is actively engaged in issues that are important to her constituents. She spends a significant amount of time advocating for social and economic justice, environmental sustainability, and healthcare reform.

One surprise I discovered was that Representative Ocasio-Cortez has been very active on social media, using platforms such as Twitter and Instagram to connect with her constituents and share information about her legislative work. This approach has allowed her to engage with a broader audience and bring attention to issues that might otherwise be overlooked.

If I could change anything, I would like to see Representative Ocasio-Cortez be more vocal on issues related to affordable housing and homelessness. As a single mother living in a city with high housing costs, these issues are particularly important to me and many of my neighbors. While I appreciate her advocacy on other issues, I believe that addressing the affordable housing crisis in our city should be a top priority.

In conclusion, accessing the website of the U.S. House of Representatives was a valuable exercise in learning about my local representative, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. Through my exploration, I discovered the committees she serves on, the legislation she has sponsored or co-sponsored, and how she spends her time as a legislator. While I believe that she is doing important work on issues such as climate change and healthcare reform, I would like to see her be more vocal on issues related to affordable housing and homelessness in our city. Overall, I am grateful to have such an engaged and active representative working on behalf of our community.