Below is a sample email sent to a committee staffer of the National Research Council to request help in choosing a topic for the ESD.10 Group Project.

Hello Ms. XXXXX,

My name is _____ and I am writing to ask for your help with an MIT class project on National Security.   In particular, I would like to ask for your advice on choosing a topic and, perhaps, suggested resources where we could find information. I am a first year graduate student in the Master's program on Technology and Policy at MIT. I am working with a team of 4 other students to develop a report during the coming semester that reflects the studies of the NRC. Our report must be in the topic of National Security and it must tackle an issue that connects technology with policy. I found that you are a Program Manager for the Committee on Law and Justice.   I found a report under this committee that caught my interest: "Information for Terrorism Prevention: Balancing Privacy and National Security".

Our team has been brainstorming ideas. We are considering a study on the conflict between national security and personal rights. Two potential topics we considered were the rights of the immigrant entering the US and the rights of US citizens to the privacy of their information.   We are just beginning work on this project and we are open to ideas. Our work can be anything related to Nation Security. Are there any projects that you feel should be pursued? We understand that you are busy, and we would appreciate any feedback you are able to give us.

Thank you.