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# J25-01

## A Resolution to Weaken The Drainage Of The Ogallala Aquifer

1.     **WHEREAS,**     The Ogallala Aquifer, located in the midwestern region of the Contiguous United States,
2.                     has been steadily drying up; and
3.     **WHEREAS,**     In order to find a solution, the federal government should integrate a solution to solve
4.                     this crisis, whether through water transportation infrastructure, moderating droughts on
5.                     a local level, and/or implement limits to the draining of this aquifer; and
6.     **WHEREAS,**     When agricultural demand grows, without governmental interference, scientists have
7.                     determined that we may only have 50 years left to utilize the Aquifer; and
8.     **WHEREAS,**     The federal government works with local levels to solve the growing issue; now,
9.                     therefore, be it
10.    **RESOLVED,**    By the Congress here assembled for states that rely on the aquifer, to slow down or halt
11.                     their process of collecting and draining the Ogallala Aquifer to preserve our resources.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Stow-Munroe Falls High School*

# J25-02

## A Resolution to Introduce Universal Health Coverage for Mental Health in All G7 Nations by 2030

1. **WHEREAS,** Mental health is a critical component of overall well-being, with millions of people
2. suffering from mental health conditions globally; and
3. **WHEREAS,** Access to mental health services remains limited in many countries, with disparities in
4. care based on geography, socioeconomic status, and other factors; and
5. **WHEREAS,** Universal health coverage is a recognized goal among the G7 nations, yet mental health
6. care is often excluded or inadequately addressed within these systems; and
7. **WHEREAS,** Mental health services are essential to ensuring healthy and productive societies, with
8. the potential to reduce economic costs and improve the quality of life for individuals
9. now, therefore, be it
10. **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled advocates for the introduction of universal health
11. coverage for mental health in all G7 nations by 2030, ensuring that mental health care is
12. treated as an essential service, accessible to all individuals regardless of their
13. background or financial status.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Medina High School*

# J25-03

## A Bill to Ban Short-Haul Flights

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Regularly-scheduled commercial flights under 250 nautical miles shall be prohibited
3. within the United States.
4. **SECTION 2.** The following services are to be exempted from the ban:
5.       i. Flights operating between communities where alternative transportation is
6.       infeasible or impossible due to geography.
7.       ii. Inter-island flights within Hawaii.
8. **SECTION 3.** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) shall oversee the enforcement of this
9. Legislation.
10. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1st, 2027.
11. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Louisville High School*

# J25-04

## A Bill to Eliminate the Gender Wage Gap

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall hereby establish mandatory equal pay
3. regardless gender dependent on the profession and job position.
4. **SECTION 2.** Equal pay shall be defined as the concept of labor rights that individuals in the same
5. workplace be given equal pay.
6. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor shall oversee implementation of this bill to ensure individuals
7. in the same workplace shall receive equal pay
8. A. All business that fail to comply shall be fined 4% of the business' annual income
9. and shall increase by 2% for every other infraction
10. B. Yearly audits shall be mandated across all businesses to ensure this bill is being
11. implemented properly.
12. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect fiscal year 2026.
13. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Centerville High School*

# J25-05

## A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Prohibit Running for Presidency Over the Age of Sixty-Eight

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2. **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is proposed as  
3. an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents  
4. and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of  
5. three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by  
6. the Congress:

7. **ARTICLE 1**

8. **SECTION 1:** Candidates running for presidency who are over the age of sixty-eight will be prohibited.  
9. Presidential candidates who have served one term in office can be reelected for a  
10. second term in a row if they are over the age of sixty-eight. A candidate over the age of  
11. sixty-eight who has previously served in office, but was not reelected consecutively may  
12. not serve again.

13. **SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Northview High School*

# J25-06

## A Bill to Establish Uniform National Voter ID Requirements

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Every state will now have the same Voter ID requirements being a valid driver's license,
3. a state issued ID card, an interim ID, U.S. Military card, U.S. Department of Veterans
4. Affairs ID Card, and/or a U.S. Passport.
5. **SECTION 2.** Voter ID requirements are defined as the required or requested present proof a voter
6. must provide before casting their ballot.
7. **SECTION 3.** The Federal Elections Commission will oversee the implementation of this legislation.
8. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately after passage.
9. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Canfield High School*



# J25-07

## A Resolution to Declare 2030 the “Decade of Space Exploration” for Global Scientific Collaboration

1. **WHEREAS,** Space exploration has led to numerous scientific advancements, including innovations in
2. medicine, technology, and energy, which have improved life on Earth; and
3. **WHEREAS,** International cooperation in space exploration can foster peaceful collaboration between
4. nations, leveraging collective expertise and resources for the benefit of humanity; and
5. **WHEREAS,** The 2030s represent a critical period for expanding humanity's exploration of space,
6. including missions to the Moon, Mars, and beyond, and for addressing global challenges
7. such as climate change, sustainability, and technological advancement; and
8. **WHEREAS,** A concerted effort to collaborate in space research will accelerate progress in space
9. sciences and provide opportunities for shared discoveries and the advancement of
10. human knowledge now, therefore, be it
11. **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled declares the decade of the 2030s as the "Decade of
12. Space Exploration," focusing on international collaboration in space research, sharing
13. resources, and increasing funding for missions and scientific discoveries that advance
14. the well-being of all humankind.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Medina High School*

# J25-08

## A Resolution to Mitigate Project 2025

1.     **WHEREAS,**     The Election of Former President Donald J. Trump now puts Project 2025 in a position to
2.                     actually be enacted; and
3.     **WHEREAS,**     The plan threatens to disrupt the essential checks and balances through unitary
4.                     executive theory; and
5.     **WHEREAS,**     Several cabinet level and independent governmental agencies have been proposed to be
6.                     abolished or severely reduced including, but not limited to, the Department of Education,
7.                     the Federal Reserve, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the National Weather
8.                     Service, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Environmental
9.                     Protection Agency; and
10.    **WHEREAS,**     The rights of many Americans are being outright threatened due to radical views of
11.                     LGBTQ+, racial, pornographical, and women’s rights; and
12.    **WHEREAS,**     Millions of immigrants have been outright warned of their deportation despite zero
13.                     instances of negative behavior or harms; and
14.    **WHEREAS,**     Its economic and foreign policy proposals have now threatened the very vitality of the
15.                     world’s most powerful economy and sole global superpower; now, therefore, be it
16.    **RESOLVED,**    By the Congress here assembled that sweeping rounds of legislation will be proposed
17.                     that directly attempt to minimize the consequences of the Trump Administration’s efforts
18.                     under the Project 2025 agenda.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hoover High School*

# J25-09

## **A Bill to Prohibit Military Aid to Countries Engaged in Human Rights Violations**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2. **SECTION 1.** The United States shall immediately suspend all military aid to any foreign government  
3. documented by the U.S. Department of State or the United Nations as engaging in  
4. systemic human rights abuses.

5. **SECTION 2.** Systemic human rights abuses are defined as actions including, but not limited to:

6. A. Torture of civilians or prisoners.

7. B. Suppression of free speech or peaceful assembly.

8. C. Unlawful detainment of political dissidents.

9. D. Targeted violence against ethnic, religious, or cultural minorities.

10. **SECTION 3.** The Department of State shall conduct an annual review of all countries receiving U.S.  
11. military aid to ensure compliance with international human rights standards. Aid to  
12. non-compliant nations shall:

13. A. Be terminated within 30 days of the review's publication.

14. B. Be redirected to global humanitarian efforts, including refugee assistance and  
15. international disaster relief.

16. C. Only be reinstated if the recipient government demonstrates verifiable reforms  
17. addressing the documented abuses and Congress approves reinstatement by a  
18. two-thirds majority vote.

19. D. Violators of this law, including private entities facilitating unauthorized aid, shall  
20. be fined \$250 million and prohibited from future government contracts for a  
21. period of 10 years.

22. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

23. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hathaway Brown School*

# J25-10

## A Bill to Ban the Privatization of Municipal Water Systems

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** All municipal water systems within the United States of America are required to be run
3. by governmental or non-profit organizations. A \$100 billion municipal water grant shall
4. be established to subsidize water costs for residents and improve water infrastructure in
5. low-income and minority areas.
6. **SECTION 2.** Municipal water systems shall be defined as a municipality's system of water mains and
7. pipes, pumps, and other facilities and equipment used to supply potable water.
8. Low-income and minority areas will be identified using EPA definitions and tools, as
9. outlined in Section 3B of this bill.
10. **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Reclamation and the Treasury will oversee the enforcement of this
11. legislation.
12. A. The Bureau of Reclamation will require documentation from all municipal water
13. systems for compliance with this legislation, and each violation will have a fine
14. of up to \$1,000,000.
15. B. The EPA shall use demographic data, poverty thresholds, and documented
16. environmental or health disparities to determine low-income and minority areas.
17. C. Private entities currently owning municipal water systems shall be compensated
18. at fair market value, determined by an independent appraisal panel appointed by
19. the Bureau of Reclamation.
20. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in FY2027.
21. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Olentangy Liberty High School*

# J25-11

## The Inclusive Democracy Act of 2025

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2. **SECTION 1.** The right of citizens of the United States to vote in an election for Federal office shall not  
3. be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of conviction of a  
4. criminal offense.

5. **SECTION 2.** At the time an individual is convicted of a criminal offense under a Federal or State law,  
6. the appropriate Department of Corrections shall notify the individual in writing that the  
7. individual's conviction of the offense does not affect the individual's right to vote in an  
8. election for Federal office.

9. **SECTION 3.** Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the head of each  
10. Federal, State, and local probation or parole office shall provide each individual on  
11. probation or parole under the jurisdiction of that office with written notification about  
12. any changes made by this Act to voter eligibility requirements in the applicable State.

13. **SECTION 4.** STATE LAWS RELATING TO VOTING RIGHTS

14. 1. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prohibit a State from enacting any law  
15. which affords the right to vote or the right to register to vote in any election for  
16. Federal, State, or local office on terms more restrictive than those established by  
17. this Act.

18. 2. A State may choose to include voting rights for those currently incarcerated. If  
19. States vote to extend those voting rights,

20. A. Inmates must be clearly instructed in writing how to apply for an  
21. Absentee Ballot.

22. B. Absentee Ballot information must be provided within the first 14 days of  
23. incarceration.

24. C. Inmates must be reminded about the Absentee Ballot application process  
25. four weeks before the forms must be submitted to the state.

26. D. Inmates who are incarcerated at or after the deadline will be allowed to  
27. submit ballots up until election day.

28. E. States will be required to provide a secure, online voting option for those  
29. individuals, and their votes must be included in the election process

30. **SECTION 5.** If a provision of this Act is susceptible to differing interpretations, it shall be construed in  
31. favor of the person seeking to register or vote.

32. **SECTION 6.** This legislation will take effect on 1 June 2025. All laws in conflict with this legislation  
33. are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Centerville High School*

# J25-12

## A Bill to Increase the Federal Minimum Wage to \$15 Per Hour

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The federal minimum wage shall be raised to \$15 per hour for all workers covered under
3. the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).
4. **SECTION 2.** Federal minimum wage shall be defined as the lowest hourly wage employers legally pay
5. workers, as established by federal law. Workers covered under the FLSA shall be defined
6. as employees who are protected by the Fair Labor Standards Act, including those working
7. for employers involved in interstate commerce or making over \$500,000 annually in gross
8. sales.
9. **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Labor (DOL) shall oversee the implementation and
10. enforcement of this policy through its Wage and Hour Division.
11. A. The DOL shall update its wage guidelines to reflect the new minimum wage.
12. B. Employers found in violation of the \$15 minimum wage requirement shall face
13. fines of \$500 per offense, with repeat violations resulting in increased penalties.
14. C. Workers may report violations through a DOL hotline or online complaint system.
15. D. The Small Business Administration (SBA) shall provide grants and low-interest
16. loans to qualifying small businesses to assist with the transition to the new wage
17. requirements.
18. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect on July 1, 2025.
19. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Canfield High School*

# J25-13 AKR

## A Resolution to Mobilize U.N. Troops

1. **WHEREAS,** The war in the Gaza Strip has divided the world apart after a gruesome attack by Hamas
2. troops on October 7th, 2023; and
3. **WHEREAS,** 46,000 people have died as a result of the war in the Gaza Strip; and
4. **WHEREAS,** UN Peacekeeping troops reduce violence and help resolve conflicts peacefully and aid
5. countries to take the difficult path to peace.
6. **WHEREAS,** There are no UN sponsored peacekeeping troops in Israel or Gaza; now, therefore, be it
7. **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States shall strongly urge the UN to
8. place peacekeeping troops in the Gaza Strip in order to reduce violence and assist the
9. parties at conflict to reach peaceful resolution.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Stow-Munroe Falls High School*

# J25-14

## A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Remove the Natural Born Citizen Clause

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2. **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is proposed as  
3. an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents  
4. and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of  
5. three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by  
6. the Congress:

7. **ARTICLE II**

8. **SECTION 1:** The first sentence of Article II, Section 1, Clause 5 of the United States Constitution shall  
9. be amended to read: "No person, except a Citizen of the United States who has attained  
10. the age of thirty-five years and been fourteen years a resident within the United States,  
11. shall be eligible to the Office of President. The same shall apply to the Vice President of  
12. the United States."

13. **SECTION 2:** This amendment shall not disqualify any person holding the Office of President or Vice  
14. President at the time of its ratification.

15. **SECTION 3:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Alliance High School*



# J25-15

## A Bill to Purchase Greenland from Denmark

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States of America will purchase the island of Greenland from Denmark, and
3. Greenland shall become a United States territory.
4. **SECTION 2.** Greenland is the world's largest island and an autonomous Danish dependent territory,
5. rich in earth metals, precious metals, precious stones, coal, graphite and uranium. The
6. island is important to American and NATO security interests.
7. **SECTION 3.** The United States Secretary of State will be charged with the negotiations necessary for
8. the implementation of this legislation. This congress will support the Secretary of State's
9. negotiation up to 90 billion US dollars.
10. A. Should the Secretary of State's negotiations exceed 90 billion US dollars, this
11. legislation will be declared null and void.
12. B. The funding for this legislation shall come from the reallocation of the
13. Department of Defense's budget.
14. **SECTION 4.** The entire Greenlandic population shall be given the opportunity to apply for United
15. States citizenship, and all subsequently birthed Greenlanders will be considered natural
16. born citizens.
17. **SECTION 5.** The Office of Insular Affairs will implement this legislation. The United States Citizenship
18. and Immigration Services (USCIS) will be tasked with administering naturalization tests
19. to Greenlanders who wish to apply for U.S. citizenship. The USCIS will submit a report
20. outlining their financial needs to this Congress.
21. **SECTION 6.** This legislation will go into effect 90 days after passage.
22. **SECTION 7.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Canton Central Catholic*

# J25-16

## A Bill to Prohibit the Trial of Children as Adults in Court

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** No individual under the age of 18 shall be tried, sentenced, or prosecuted as an adult in
3. any court of law within the United States. Juvenile courts shall have exclusive jurisdiction
4. over all criminal cases involving minors.
5. **SECTION 2.** A. “Children” shall be defined as individuals under the age of 18.
6. B. “Tried as an adult” shall refer to the process of prosecuting a minor under the
7. same legal standards and penalties applied to adults, including transferring
8. cases to adult criminal courts.
9. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice (DOJ) shall oversee the implementation and enforcement of
10. this bill. State-level juvenile justice systems shall be required to handle all cases
11. involving minors, and federal grants will be allocated to states to expand juvenile court
12. resources where necessary.
13. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2025, to allow for necessary
14. adjustments in state and federal court systems.
15. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Oakwood High School*

# J25-17

## A Bill to Require a Cognitive Test for All Presidential Candidates

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States Secret Service shall give a cognitive test to all presidential candidates,
3. and the evaluating psychiatrists must deem the candidate fit to hold office before they
4. can officially be given candidate status.
5. **SECTION 2.** A cognitive test is a series of questions used to determine the mental capabilities of a
6. person.
7. **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be enforced by the United States Secret Service, and any candidate
8. who violates this requirement shall be ineligible for the office of the President of the
9. United States.
10. A. The cognitive test shall be directly administered by experts at the Walter Reed
11. National Military Medical Center.
12. B. Given that this cognitive examination is now a requirement to hold the office of
13. President, this test shall and all other necessary actions needed to take this test
14. must be paid for solely by the candidate themself.
15. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY, 2025. All laws in conflict with this legislation are
16. hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Centerville High School*

# J25-18

## A Bill to Abolish the ATF

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The ATF shall be dissolved.
3. **SECTION 2.** The ATF shall be defined as the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.
4. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice (DoJ) shall oversee the enforcement and implementation of
5. this legislation.
6. A. All redefinitions and contested decisions issued by the Bureau of Alcohol,
7. Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) within the past two decades are hereby
8. rendered null and void.
9. B. Rulemaking authority concerning matters overseen by the ATF shall remain
10. exclusively vested in Congress.
11. C. The DoJ shall be responsible for interpreting and enforcing Congressional
12. statutes related to the regulation of alcohol, tobacco, firearms, and explosives.
13. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect on January 1st, 2026.
14. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sylvania Southview*

# J25-19

## A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Regulate the Free Press

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2. **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is proposed as  
3. an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents  
4. and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of  
5. three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by  
6. the Congress:

7. ARTICLE -

8. **SECTION 1:** Amendment I, Section 9, Subsection 1 of the United States Constitution will be amended  
9. with the following text:

10. Any news outlet found to have knowingly published false information and presented such  
11. information as fact shall have its rights to the free press under the First Amendment  
12. revoked until the Supreme Court sees fit.

13. A. All relevant cases will have original jurisdiction in the Supreme Court of the  
14. United States.

15. B. If the Supreme Court finds the defendant guilty, the offending news outlet will be  
16. forced to liquidate all corporate assets in addition to losing its publishing rights.

17. C. If the Supreme Court finds the defendant innocent, the accused news outlet shall  
18. be awarded damages as the Court sees fit.

19. **SECTION 2:** Speculation shall not be included under the jurisdiction of this amendment unless it is  
20. presented as fact.

21. **SECTION 3:** News outlet is defined as any company which distributes any type of news in print,  
22. television, social media, radio, podcast, or any other format. False information is defined  
23. as any incorrect information knowingly distorted to fit a narrative and presented as  
24. factually true. Damages are defined as financial compensation awarded by the Supreme  
25. Court to wrongfully accused news outlets. Liquidation is defined as the conversion of  
26. corporate assets and property into cash or cash equivalents to be paid off to secured  
27. creditors, investors, and shareholders. Speculation is defined as an anchor's  
28. interpretations and theories of what any given piece of news could mean, but have yet to  
29. be proven.

30. **SECTION 4:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Norton High School*

# J25-20

## A Bill to Ensure Election Fairness

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** States will establish redistricting commissions to reduce the risk of Gerrymandering.
3. Redistricting will no longer involve state legislatures.
4. **SECTION 2.** A. Redistricting commissions consist of nine members. The commissions must have
5. exactly three Republicans, three Democrats, and three independents.
6. B. Gerrymandering shall be defined as the act of purposely redistricting a state or
7. district to ensure an uncompetitive, or safe, election.
8. **SECTION 3.** This bill will be enforced by the Department of the Treasury.
9. A. Should states refuse to comply, they will face a revoking of 10% of highway
10. maintenance funds per 6 months not in compliance.
11. B. For example, if the commissions are not in place by January 1, 2026, then the
12. states not in compliance will get 10% of their highway maintenance funds
13. stripped. If by July 1, 2026, they will get 20% of their funds revoked. 30% by
14. January 1, 2027, so on until the states in question comply.
15. **SECTION 4.** All of the commissions must be in place by January 1, 2026
16. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Perry High School*

# J25-21

## A Bill to End Dumping E-Waste in Africa

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States shall prohibit the act of exporting electronic waste donations to
3. Sub-Saharan African countries.
4. **SECTION 2.** Electronic waste is defined as non-functional or otherwise damaged electronic
5. components.
6. **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Commerce (DoC) and the Department of Justice (DoJ) will
7. oversee the enforcement of this legislation.
8. A. To enforce this ban, the DoC will receive a 5% increase in their budget in the next
9. year's fiscal budget.
10. B. Any corporation found in violation of this new regulation will be fined \$100,000
11. for each violation.
12. C. Repeated violations will be penalized by the DoJ at their discretion.
13. Consequences may include but are not limited to:
14. a. Person(s) found to be involved in the exportation of e-waste will be jailed
15. for up to 5 years and may face up to \$500,000 in fines.
16. b. Continued offenses involving the exportation of e-waste will result in a
17. temporary shutdown of the offending company.
18. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect in October 2025.
19. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Olentangy Liberty High School*

# J25-22

## **Resolution to Abolish Plea Bargaining in the United States**

1. WHEREAS, More than 90% of court cases end in plea bargain; and
2. WHEREAS, According to a University of Michigan study, African Americans and Latinos are less
3. successful at getting their sentences reduced via plea bargain; and
4. WHEREAS, When compared with their white peers, people of color end up facing longer prison
5. sentences for lesser crimes; and
6. WHEREAS, Even if they are innocent, too often defendants plead guilty without fully understanding
7. their legal rights pertaining to the Constitution; now, therefore, be it
8. RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the United States should abolish plea-bargaining

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Centerville High School*



# J25-23

## A Bill to Ban Tesla Cybertrucks

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The sale, registration, and operation of Tesla Cybertrucks within the United States shall
3. be prohibited.
4. **SECTION 2.** Tesla Cybertrucks shall be defined as the electric-powered truck models produced by
5. Tesla, Inc., bearing the name “Cybertruck.”
6. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Transportation shall oversee the enforcement and implementation of
7. this legislation.
8. A. All Cybertruck registrations currently in effect shall be revoked within 90 days of
9. this legislation’s enactment.
10. B. Owners of Cybertrucks may apply for financial compensation through a buyback
11. program managed by the Department of Transportation. If enough financial
12. compensation is not provided, Elon Musk will pay the remainder to the owner of
13. the vehicle.
14. C. Owners who fail to surrender their vehicles by January 1st shall be subject to a
15. fine of \$5,000 and the vehicle may be impounded.
16. D. Elon Musk will also pay a \$5,000 fine for every vehicle that is not surrendered.
17. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect on January 1st, 2026.
18. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sylvania Southview*

# J25-24

## A Bill to Require Eligible Citizens to Register as Organ Donors

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** All American citizens eligible to donate organs upon their death will be required to do so.
3. **SECTION 2.** Eligibility for organ donation under this legislation will remain as defined by the Health
4. Resources and Services Administration.
5. **SECTION 3.** The Health Resources and Services Administration's Health Systems Bureau shall
6. oversee the enforcement of this legislation.
7. A. All funding necessary will be allocated from a 1.4% tax on personal medical
8. expenses.
9. B. Any and all religious concerns, if any, shall be considered valid ineligibility.
10. C. Additional concerns over exceptions and eligibility will be mediated by a brief
11. health court ruling.
12. **SECTION 4.** This Legislation will come into effect on January 1st, 2026.
13. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Howland High School*

# F25-01

## The Ghost Fleet Replacement Act (GFRA)

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The US Department of Transportation shall oversee the disposal of all inactive vessels in
3. the National Defense Reserve Fleet NDRF (also known as the Ghost Fleet) deemed to be
4. unsuitable for service in the event of activation.
5. A. The US DOT shall be authorized \$100 billion dollars to be used to award
6. construction contracts to American shipyards for at least 200 multi-use vessels
7. to replace disposed vessels in the NDRF, further supplemented by the disposal
8. bids of the disposed vessels.
9. B. The US DOT shall be granted \$5 billion dollars annually in perpetuum, in addition
10. to its annual budget to construct and subsidize American shipyard facilities.
11. C. All vessels constructed for the US DOT under this legislation shall be placed in
12. the NDRF unless activated by arrangement with the US DOT, including for loan
13. and lease.
14. **SECTION 2.** “Unsuitable for service” in this legislation shall be defined as any vessel in the NDRF
15. that would be unable to be readied for active service within 60 days or poses a
16. substantial environmental or health hazard.
17. **SECTION 3.** The US DOT shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation.
18. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect starting fiscal year 2025.
19. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Stow-Munroe Falls High School*

# F25-02

## The Immigrant Reunion Act

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The national immigration policy shall prioritize family reunification, refugee
3. resettlement, while upholding due process and national security.
4. **SECTION 2.** -Family reunification: Refers to joining or reuniting with immediate family members
5. (wife, husband, children, parents) already residing in the US
6. -Refugee resettlement: Refers to safe and dignified integration of individuals fleeing
7. persecution or conflict
8. -Skill-worker recruitment: Refers to attracting and obtaining essential talent across
9. different fields.
10. **SECTION 3.** The department of homeland security (DHS), in collaboration with newly established
11. Bipartisan National Immigration Commission (BNIC), will oversee implementation and
12. enforcement. The commission will:
13. A. Develop clear and transparent criteria for immigration categories
14. B. Streamline application processes and reduce inefficiencies in visa decisions
15. C. Enhance border security while upholding refugee rights and asylum procedures
16. D. Advocate for increased funding for immigration and integration services
17. **SECTION 4.** -This act will be implemented within 1 year of passage, with the commission established
18. within 6 months.
19. -Regular progress reports will be submitted to congress by the (DHS) and the (BNIC).
20. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Northwest High School*

# F25-03

## **A Bill to Mandate the Teaching of Cursive Handwriting Skills in all Public Schools**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Every public school shall henceforth be required to teach all third through fifth grade
3. students the practice of handwriting, specifically in cursive. Additionally, there will be
4. two mandated hours per semester in the subsequent years to reinforce the cursive skills.
5. **SECTION 2.** Cursive shall be defined as writing with the characters joined.
6. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall enforce this bill by providing any necessary funding
7. and aiding the procurement of supplies.
8. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be put in place by January 1, 2026.
9. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hathaway Brown*

# F25-04

## A Bill to Abolish Speed Limits

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The Federal Interstate System shall no longer enforce speed limits for vehicles operating
3. on federal interstate highways, except as specified in Section Two of this bill.
4. **SECTION 2.** Speed limits will remain in place in areas deemed unsafe by the Federal Highway
5. Administration (FHWA). This includes, but is not limited to, the following conditions:
6. A. Construction Zones: Areas where road work is taking place or infrastructure is
7. being modified.
8. B. High-Risk Areas: Locations with a high incidence of accidents, including
9. high-traffic zones, sharp curves, bridges, or areas with frequent weather-related
10. hazards.
11. C. Urbanized Areas: Sections of the interstate that pass through highly populated or
12. heavily developed urban centers.
13. D. Environmental Hazards: Regions susceptible to poor visibility, adverse weather
14. conditions, or wildlife crossings.
15. **SECTION 3.** The FHWA will oversee the enforcement of this bill.
16. A. The FHWA shall be tasked with developing a system modeled after the German
17. Autobahn by studying best practices in speed limit-free zones, considering
18. factors such as road design, vehicle standards, and traffic flow management.
19. B. The FHWA will announce the removal of speed limits on federal interstates and
20. will work with the Federal Communications Commission to inform the public.
21. **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect in January of 2026.
22. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Olentangy Liberty High School*

# F25-05

## A Bill to Decriminalize Nonviolent Drug Offenses and Expand Rehabilitation Programs

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2. **SECTION 1.** All nonviolent drug possession offenses shall be decriminalized, and individuals  
3. convicted of such offenses shall have the opportunity to participate in federally funded  
4. rehabilitation and treatment programs as an alternative to incarceration.

5. **SECTION 2.** A. “Nonviolent drug possession offenses” shall refer to the possession of controlled  
6. substances without intent to distribute and without any associated violent crime.  
7. B. “Decriminalization” shall mean the removal of criminal penalties, replacing them  
8. with civil fines, mandatory treatment, or rehabilitation.  
9. C. “Rehabilitation programs” shall include addiction counseling, inpatient and  
10. outpatient treatment, and job training services.

11. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) shall oversee the implementation  
12. of this legislation. Funding for state-level rehabilitation programs will be allocated  
13. through grants managed by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services  
14. Administration (SAMHSA). These grants will be funded through:

15. A. A reallocation of 15% of federal funding currently used for drug enforcement  
16. under the Department of Justice.  
17. B. A \$2 billion annual appropriation sourced from a 2% federal excise tax on  
18. pharmaceutical opioid sales.  
19. C. The redirection of forfeited assets from drug trafficking cases prosecuted under  
20. federal law.  
21. D. Law enforcement agencies shall redirect resources from prosecuting possession  
22. offenses to addressing trafficking and violent drug crimes.

23. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

24. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Oakwood High School*

# F25-06

## A Bill to Designate Mexican Drug Cartels as Foreign Terrorist Organizations to Combat the Threat They Pose to National Security

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2. **SECTION 1.** The United States shall officially designate Mexican Drug Cartels as foreign terrorist  
3. organizations to combat the immediate threat they pose to national security.

4. **SECTION 2.** For the purpose of this bill, "Drug Cartels" shall be defined as, "a criminal organization  
5. that controls the promotion and distribution of narcotic drugs."

6. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security shall oversee the enforcement of this bill.  
7. Enforcement of such bill shall include:

8. A. Enhanced surveillance, intelligence cooperation with Mexican law enforcement,  
9. freezing of cartel assets, applications of counter-terrorism operations against  
10. cartels, use of assassinations against Mexican drug leaders, and use of military  
11. and domestic law enforcement in terms of countering cartel activities and/or  
12. operations.

13. B. The United States of America, in order to strengthen the U.S.-Mexico border, shall  
14. increase the deployment of personnel and equipment in order to prevent the  
15. illegal flow of drugs and individuals associated with cartels.

16. C. Ban any foreign citizen from entering the United States who is a member of one  
17. of these cartels, is formally associated with the organization, or who has  
18. "engaged in terrorist activity" relating to that organization.

19. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall come into effect immediately upon its passage.

20. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Northview High School*