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Congressional Debate

Preliminary Round

Chamber Assignments

General Information for Contestants

- ❖ Find your name on the next page.
- ❖ **Remember to NOT panic if you do not have your code. Simply use only your last name when speaking from the floor during Preliminary and Elimination sessions of Congress.**
- ❖ *Do not use your school name to identify yourself during the course of any session of the Congress.*

Legislative Calendar

- ❖ Legislation has been assigned to the same chamber as its author.
- ❖ All legislation assigned to a chamber must be debated before the chamber may debate legislation assigned to a different chamber. Legislation assigned to a chamber *may not* be tabled for the purposes of moving forward to another chamber's legislation.
- ❖ In the event that a chamber completes its entire agenda:
 - Chamber 1 will debate items from the agenda of Chamber 2
 - Chamber 2 will debate items from the agenda of Chamber 3
 - Chamber 3 will debate items from the agenda of Chamber 4
 - Chamber 4 will debate items from the agenda of Chamber 5
 - Chamber 5 will debate items from the agenda of Chamber 1

Rule #1 of Speech and Debate:

Be a GOOD person...

We give you the legislation in advance so that:

*You can write legislation you care about and have the opportunity to
give voice to the voiceless;

*You can prepare great speeches on a limited number of bills rather than prepping 20 or more bills you may never speak on; and

*You can learn how to effectively network and collaborate with your peers.

Thus, please include **ALL** individuals in who are participating in your chamber in any conversation you may or may not have before the tournament.

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CHAMBER 1

Last Name	First Name	School
Toledo	Adrian	Archbishop Ryan
Vijapur	Samanvit	Bridgewater Raritan
Jourhmane	Adam	Bronx High School of Science
Tyrrell	Mary	Bronx High School of Science
Wissink	Grace	Cary Acadmey
Doguparthi	Yasaswini	Chantilly
Garcia	Joshua	Christ the King
Hilgendorf	Kyle	Christ the King
Carle	Colin	Cosby
Hardy	Cameron	Dallastown Area
Brisson	Timothy	Iona Preparatory
Siva	Anthony	Lake Mary Prep
Morrison	Jack	Legacy
Motroni	Madison	Millburn
Huang	Hans	Solebury
Broderick	Liam	St. Joseph's Prep
Lofgren	Lena	Strath Haven
D'Apuzzo	Brianna	Suncoast
Maysonette	Ernesto	Timber Creek
Husain	Abbas	Unionville
Jacobson	Zachary	Wellington
Wisidagama	Joeseph	Xaverian

CHAMBER 2

Last Name	First Name	School
Polini	Nick	Archbishop Ryan
Blajda	Joey	Bishop Shanahan
Wang	Daniel	Bridgewater Raritan
Neggie	Johanna	Bronx High School of Science
T eh	Sydney	Bronx High School of Science
Dietz	Georgia	Cary Academy
Velu	Anjali	Cary Academy
Feng	Sherry	Chantilly
Chugh	Kartik	Chantilly
Jones	Destiny	Christ the King
Borlando	Victoria	Gwynedd Mercy
Bonilla	Alex	Jesuit
Strayer	Brett	Legacy
Goldman	Cynthia	Millburn
Ahmed	Hiba	Pennsbury
Arato	Michael	Princeton
Spangler	Andrew	Srath Haven
Ford	Peter	St. Joseph's Prep
Nachon	Sofia	Timber Creek
Zimmerman	Jacob	West Orange
Duca	Nick	Xaverian

CHAMBER 3

Last Name	First Name	School
Ramkissoo-		
Hardeen	Riann	Achievement First Brooklyn
Ren	Jeremy	Archbishop Ryan
Brahaj	Artea	Bronx High School of Science
Porlein	Maximilian	Bronx High School of Science
Stafford	Jackson	Cary Academy
Bristol	Suki	Cary Acadmey
Kim	Eric	Chantilly
Simbana	Jocelyne	Chantilly
Jovan	Williams	Christ the King
Warner	Adam	Clover Hill
Bruton	Zoey	Dallastown Area
McHugh	Shane	Holy Ghost
Fulkrod	Warren	Lake Mary Prep
Bollinger	Jonathan	Loyola Blakefield
Miao	Ranen	Millburn
Jeteric	Enida	Palm Beach Gardens
Gustafson	Ben	Sherando
Imredy	Andrew	St. Joseph's Preparatory
Remy	Alberto	Timber Creek
	Micahel-	
Greco	Scott	Xaverian
Kapsalis	Andreas	Xaverian

CHAMBER 4

Last Name	First Name	School
Felmus	Nathan	Bronx High School of Science
Raouf	Sabrina	Bronx High School of Science
Jones	Nate	Cary Academy
Jain	RJ	Cary Acadmey
Vijayram	Vanshika	Chantilly
Golonka	Alex	Christ the King
Nyland	Kali	Dallastown Area
Peschansky	Anton	Holy Ghost Prep
Martin	Parker	Lake Mary Prep
Nnake	Chid	Loyola Blakefield
Hester	Amaris	Marriotts Ridge
Sprankle	Meghan	Palm Beach Gardens
Kessler	Maeve	Pennsbury
Lu	Brian	Princeton
Nishtar	Hamza	Princeton
Sadoff	Noah	Solebury
Barberi	Connor	St. Joseph's Prep
Chen	Shang	Suncoast
Rodriguez	Andres	Timber Creek
Lamberty	Grace	Timber Creek
Kay	Will	Xaverian

CHAMBER 5

Last Name	First Name	School
McGeown	Luke	Bridgewater Raritan
Anandjee	Vishesh	Bronx High School of Science
Gallagher	Caroline	Bronx High School of Science
Lipson	Ben	Cary Academy
Kleine	Aleksia	Cary Acadmey
Muttavarapu	Aneesh	Chantilly
Gupta	Mannit	Chantilly
Cardus	Christian	Christ the King
Golonka	Jakub	Christ the King
Bennett	Kevin	Clover Hill
Craun	Emmary	Dallastown Area
Quigley	Bryan	Holy Ghost Prep
Rosario	Lucas	Lake Mary Prep
Thomas	Hunter	Loyola Blakefield
Tarighian	Tina	Millburn
Adams	Patrick	St. Joseph's Preparatory
Rodriguez	Enrique	Timber Creek
Binder	Andrew	Unionville
Graham	Mason	Wellington
Papandrea	Robert	Xaverian
Poff	Emma	York Catholic

B/R #101

A BILL TO FUND GEO-ENGINEERING RESEARCH TO REDUCE THE EFFECTS OF GLOBAL WARMING

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

2 **SECTION 1.** A. \$100 million will be put into the National Aeronautics and Space

3 Administration's Global Climate Change program to start geo-engineering
4 research.

5 B. The money will come out of the \$200 million increase on space flight
6 programs for NASA

7 **SECTION 2.** Geo-engineering research is defined as research into techniques that
8 intentionally change the climate to combat climate change.

9 **SECTION 3.** NASA will oversee the implementation of this bill.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect on January 1st, 2017.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Ysaswini Doguparthi
Chantilly High School*

B/R #102
A BILL TO INCREASE FUNDING TO NASA

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall increase its funding to the National Aeronautics
3 and Space Administration by five billion dollars.

4 A. A board shall be established between NASA and the Congress in order
5 to communicate the needs and concerns of NASA in relation to funding.

6 B. Should the amount of funding need to be changed, the board referenced
7 in Section 1(A) shall propose a change to the senate where it shall be
8 voted upon based on proper legislative majority.

9 C. Additional funding created in relation to this legislation shall not
10 exceed ten billion dollars.

11 **SECTION 2.** NASA shall be in charge of spending and allotting all new funding.

12 **SECTION 3.** All private contractors that NASA employs shall report to standard NASA
13 protocol.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be enacted within one fiscal year.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Joshua Garcia
Christ the King High School

B/R #103

A BILL TO CHANGE ISP'S CLASSIFICATION TO COMMON CARRIER

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Internet connection that ISP's provide should be regarded shall be seen as common
3 carriers, the same as phone lines and airplanes.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. ISP's are "Internet service providers" such as Verizon, Comcast, and
5 Time Warner.

6 B. A "common carrier" is required to take all passengers or information
7 without discrimination or regulation as long as the fee is paid and the
8 safety of others is assured.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission shall be responsible for enforcing the
10 provisions of this legislation.

11 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January 1, 2017.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Colin Carle
Cosby High School*

B/R #104
A RESOLUTION TO FORM A UN COALITION TO FIGHT TERRORISM IN
SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

1 **WHEREAS**, Sub Saharan Africa is currently serving as a safe haven and breeding ground for
2 terrorist activities.

3 **WHEREAS**, Corruption in the African Union Has prevented Multilateral approaches to
4 fighting terrorism in the region and therefore, any efforts have proven ineffective.

5 **WHEREAS**, Terrorism in Sub Saharan has led to direct destruction of Infrastructure and
6 discourages international investment.

7 **WHEREAS**, The United States and other Developed Nations have a Moral Obligation to the
8 people of Sub Saharan Africa to fight regional terrorism.

9 **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled will provide up to 500 million in
10 developmental aid as is deemed necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Anthony Siva
Lake Mary Preparatory

B/R #105

A BILL TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF ABORTION CLINICS IN THE UNITED STATES

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall allocate \$500 million to be distributed to the construction
3 of abortion clinics.

4 **SECTION 2.** An abortion clinic shall be defined as a place where abortions are
5 performed legally by doctors.

6 **SECTION 3.** This money will be given to Planned Parenthood.

7 A. The \$500 million will be evenly distributed amongst five states;
8 Mississippi, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming.

9 B. \$80 million will be spent in each state for the construction of 10
10 different abortion clinics.

11 C. A \$20 million stipend will also be allotted per state for maintenance
12 cost, security costs, and additional construction costs, should it be
13 necessary.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be enacted by January 1st, 2017.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Madison Motroni
Millburn High School*

B/R #106
A BILL TO REPEAL US OIL EXPORT BANS

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall completely repeal the ban on crude oil exportation.

3 **SECTION 2.** Crude oil is to be defined as unrefined petroleum.

4 **SECTION 3.** The Office of Foreign Assets Control and the Department of Commerce
5 will be in charge of implementing this bill.

6 **SECTION 4.** Upon passage, this legislation shall be implemented as soon as possible.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Liam Broderick
St. Joseph's Preparatory School

B/R #107

A BILL TO MANDATE PATERNITY LEAVE TO DECREASE THE WAGE GAP

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall require that all workplaces offer male employees a
3 paid paternity leave.

4 **SECTION 2.** The paternity leave will be equal to that of the maternity leave given to
5 female employees.

6 **SECTION 3.** This will be overseen by the U.S. Department of Labor.

7 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect January 1, 2017.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Lofgren
Strath Haven High School*

B/R #108
A BILL TO LEGALIZE THE SALE OF HUMAN ORGANS

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The sale of human organs will be legalized.

3 **SECTION 2.** The sale of human organs is the selling of any viable organ to another
4 individual for monetary compensation. This includes selling the organs of
5 deceased or permanently incapacitated relatives.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will enforce this
7 legislation.

8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented in the fiscal year 2016.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Brianna D'Apuzzo
Suncoast High School

B/R #109
A BILL TO MAKE STANDARDIZED TESTING OPTIONAL

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

2 **SECTION 1.** With a parent or legal guardian's permission, a student in the United

3 States will be allowed to bypass one or more state standardized tests that
4 school year with no penalty.

5 **SECTION 2.** a) Parent or legal guardian's permission shall be defined as a signature
6 from an official form made by the respective school district stating that
7 their child will be bypassing one or more state standardized tests.

8 b) State standardized tests shall be defined as any end of the year test
9 taken by every student in the respective state, for the upgrade of the next
10 grade level ex. FCAT.

11 c) School year shall be defined as any single school year of learning ex.
12 2015-16.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall oversee this legislation.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be put into effect on August 1, 2016.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Zachary Jacobson
Wellington High School

B/R #110
A BILL TO PROMOTE STEM CELL RESEARCH TO
FURTHER ADVANCE THE DEVELOPMENT OF MEDICAL SCIENCE

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States government shall provide an annual grant of 65 million
3 dollars towards stem cell research facilities.

4 **SECTION 2.** Stem cells will be defined as any type of primitive, undifferentiated cells
5 that are capable of forming diverse, specialized types of tissue. Research
6 will be defined as any form of experimentation or study that doesn't break
7 current stem cell research laws.

8 **SECTION 3.** The National Institutes of Health shall oversee the enforcement of this
9 legislation.

10 **SECTION 4.** This piece of legislation will go into effect in the first quarter of 2016

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Jack Morrison
Legacy High School

B/R #201
A BILL TO REFORM CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTING

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Congressional districts shall now be drawn according to a
3 population of eligible voters, instead of general population.

4 **SECTION 2.** Under this system, illegal immigrants, felons, children, and other
5 non-voters would not be factored into the population determination of districts.

6 A. This will safeguard the democratic interests of American voters who
7 may live in an area heavily populated by one of the above non-voting
8 groups.

9 **SECTION 3.** This bill will only apply to national, House of Representative-
10 based elections and districts. The time between elections will remain at 2 years
11 each.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented January 1, 2017.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Joseph Blajda,
Bishop Shanahan High School*

B/R #202

A BILL TO PROTECT H-1B VISA HOLDERS FROM UNREASONABLE TERMINATION

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In order to stop H-1B Visa Holders from being fired unreasonably,
3 employers must prove probable cause before firing an H-1B Visa Holder.

4 **SECTION 2.** Probable cause for firing will be defined as reasonable grounds for
5 dismissal.

6 A. Probable cause shall be defined as, but not limited to: Consistent
7 incompetence, violation of company policy, repeated unexcused
8 absenteeism or tardiness, physical violence, drug and alcohol use at
9 work, or any illegal acts.

10 B. In States where At-Will employment is in place, employers still must
11 prove probable cause before firing those with an H-1B visa.

12 **SECTION 3.** The United States Citizens and Immigration Service Department (USCIS)
13 will work in conjunction with the United States Equal Employment
14 Opportunity Cost (EECO) to oversee the implementation of this bill.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect in the 2018 fiscal year.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Georgia Dietz
Cary Academy*

B/R #203

A BILL TO INVEST IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

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

2 **SECTION 1.** \$300 million will be added to the annual budget every year for ten years

3 directed to investment in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

4 **SECTION 2.** Investment is long term and can take shape in conditional loans,

5 developmental aid, and/or infrastructure construction.

6 **SECTION 3.** A. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) will

7 oversee this bill.

8 B. Enforcement also includes special consideration to coordination

9 mechanisms, ensuring that aid does not overlap with preexisting projects.

10 **SECTION 4.** This will be implemented in FY 2017.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Sherry Feng
Chantilly High School*

B/R #204

**A BILL TO EXPAND THE GUN BACKGROUND CHECK TO
ENSURE CRIMINALS AND THE MENTALLY ILL DO NOT ENDANGER AMERICAN LIVES**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Background checks for all firearm transfers shall be required, and the
3 private sale loophole shall be closed. The text of the Brady Handgun
4 Violence Prevention Act shall be amended to establish that transfers shall
5 not default proceed, and the default proceed loophole shall be closed.

6 **SECTION 2.** Firearm transfers include licensed seller transfers, private sales, gun show
7 sales, Internet sales, and unlicensed seller transfers. The private sale
8 loophole refers to the former ability of unlicensed sellers to transfer
9 firearms without conducting a background check. A default proceed and
10 the default proceed loophole refers to the former requirement that NICS
11 approve a firearm transfer if the background check investigation is
12 ongoing and is not completed within three business days.

13 **SECTION 3.** A. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) shall enforce this legislation.

14 B. The National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) shall
15 conduct background checks on prospective firearm buyers as defined by
16 the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act, and shall be maintained by
17 the FBI.

18 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this legislation shall be effective immediately upon
19 passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Kartik Chugh
Chantilly High School*

B/R #205
A BILL TO MAKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE FREE

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government will eliminate tuition costs for students in
3 good standing at two-year community colleges.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. Students in good standing refer to individuals who attend at least half-time,
5 maintain a 2.5 GPA, and make steady progress toward completing their program.

6 B. Community colleges that qualify must offer transfer programs or occupational
7 training certificate programs with higher graduation rates.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

9 A. \$600 billion will be provided through the normal fiscal year 2017 budgeting
10 process.

11 **SECTION 4.** This law shall go into effect in the fiscal year 2017.

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

Respectfully submitted

,
Cynthia Goldman,
Millburn High School.

B/R #206
A RESOLUTION TO AID SYRIAN REFUGEES

1 **WHEREAS**, Syrians are being forced out of Syria due to violence caused by the ongoing civil war; and
2 **WHEREAS**, The refugees are migrating to Europe, and the countries they are fleeing to do not have the
3 resources to support them; and
4 **WHEREAS**, Some of the refugees are being forced to live on the streets or in and are struggling just to
5 find food; and
6 **WHEREAS**, The presence of the refugees is economically detrimental to the European nations, including
7 nations in the EU, which are being inhabited by the migrants; and
8 **WHEREAS** The United Nations' plan to help the refugees is severely underfunded; now,
9 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Congress here assembled recommend that \$500 million
10 over FY 2016 go toward the United Nations' Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) for Syria;
11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the United States will encourage other countries to contribute to
12 the plan as well.

Respectfully submitted,

*Representative Ahmed
Pennsbury High School*

B/R #207

A BILL TO ENACT THE HOUSING FIRST PROGRAM TO FIGHT HOMELESSNESS MORE EFFECTIVELY

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government shall enact a program similar to the
3 "Housing First" program enacted by the State of Utah. This program shall
4 provide federally funded housing to any person who is homeless who
5 applies for assistance or is recruited by a program employee.

6 **SECTION 2.** Homelessness shall be defined using the Department of Housing and
7 Urban Development's definition, as 1) literally homeless; 2) imminent risk
8 of homelessness; 3) homeless under other Federal statutes; and 4)
9 fleeing/attempting to flee domestic violence.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development shall oversee the
11 implementation of this bill.

12 A. Program participants shall contribute \$50 or 30% of their income
13 (whichever is greater) to the program's funding.

14 B. Any savings in other programs resulting from a decrease in
15 homelessness shall also be transferred to the program.

16 C. Up to \$38.5 billion shall be provided to HUD in addition to funding
17 provided by program participants and savings from other areas.

18 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Andrew Spangler
Strath Haven HS*

B/R #208

**A BILL TO TEMPORARILY PROHIBIT THE IMPORTATION OF STEEL AND IRON TO
PROTECT AMERICAN MANUFACTURING**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** For the next five-year period, all importations on steel and iron products
3 will be prohibited from entering the customs territory of the United States
4 of America.

5 **SECTION 2.** Products will be defined as any article classified under chapter 72 or 73 of
6 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Commerce in conjunction with the U.S. Customs and
8 Border Protection Agency will oversee implementation of this legislation

9 **SECTION 4.** This ordinance will take three (3) months after passing.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Jacob Zimmerman
West Orange High School*

#B/R 209

A RESOLUTION TO DECREASE OUR NUCLEAR ARSENAL GRADUALLY

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Seeing as nuclear weapons pose a significant threat to the world as a
3 whole, the United States of America's nuclear arsenal shall be gradually
4 be reduced to 1,500 warheads over the span of 5 years

5 **SECTION 2.** Nuclear warheads include tactical, deployed, and non-deployed warheads

6 **SECTION 3.** The United States Defense Department shall oversee the enforcement and
7 implementation of this bill

8 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect January 1, 2016

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Brett Strayer
Legacy High school*

B/R #301

A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE PROPORTION OF WOMEN IN THE U.S. CONGRESS

1 **WHEREAS,** There needs to be a mandated proportion of women in the government
2 meaning that the U.S. will reserve 50% of seats in the House of
3 Representatives for women and 35% of seats in the Senate for women.

4 **WHEREAS,** As of 2016, women make up only 19.4% of members in the House of
5 Representatives and 20% of members in the Senate. In terms of actual
6 numbers there are currently only 104 women in the House of
7 Representatives and 20 women in the Senate.

8 **WHEREAS,** Since there are not enough women that have the chance to be in the
9 government there are men making decisions on issues that women should
10 be making: those decisions specifically pertaining to women's rights.

11 Therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is
13 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which
14 shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when

15 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within
16 seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

17 ARTICLE --

18 SECTION 1: Both houses of Congress will at all times employ a
19 designated proportion of women meaning that 50% of the
20 seats in the House of Representatives and 35% of seats in
21 the Senate are reserved exclusively for women.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Riann Ramkissoon-Hardeen
Achievement First Brooklyn High School*

B/R #302
THE FINANCIAL FAIRNESS AND STABILITY ACT OF 2016

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

2 **SECTION 1.** A Financial Transaction tax of 1% shall be instituted on all large market
3 transactions. In addition, a minimum one minute hold time will be imposed
4 on all stock, bond, and securities purchases. Furthermore, the SEC will host a
5 website with the most recent financial data to solve the issues with market
6 fragmentation, price synchronization, and information dissemination.

7 **SECTION 2.** A. “Financial Transaction Tax” shall be defined as a tax levied upon financial
8 transactions such as the purchase of bonds, stocks, and securities.

9 B. “Large Market Transactions” shall be defined as an exchange of capital
10 larger than 10,000 dollars with the result being ownership of financial goods.

11 C. “Minimum hold time” shall be defined as the minimum amount of time
12 that someone must hold onto a bond, stock, or security before they sell them.

13 **SECTION 3.** The CFTC, IRS and the SEC will oversee the implementation of this bill.

14 A. The SEC will oversee the regulation of assets and investigate the High
15 Frequency Trading system for stock manipulation

16 B. The CFTC will oversee high frequency trading and derivatives trading

17 C. The IRS will oversee the collection of this tax and direct it to be used to
18 fund the FDIC and expand the capital insurance to incorporate pension
19 plans, 401k’s, and educational payment plans

20 **SECTION 4.** This bill will implemented by October 1st 2016

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Jackson Stafford
Cary Academy*

B/R #303

**A BILL TO LEGALIZE EUTHANASIA OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE TO
FULFILL THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Euthanasia or physician assisted suicide is legalized nationwide.

3 **SECTION 2.** Euthanasia is defined as the painless killing of a patient suffering from an
4 incurable and painful disease or in an irreversible coma.

5 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Health and Human Services will oversee
6 the execution of this bill by

7 A. Making certain that the choice for euthanasia was made by the patient
8 and the patient only

9 B. Applying regular checks on physicians to prevent abuse of power

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect 90 days after passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Eric Kim
Chantilly High*

B/R #304

A BILL TO CHANGE THE UNITED STATES' NATIONAL MOTTO

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will change its national motto from

3 "In God We Trust" to "E Pluribus Unum".

4 **SECTION 2.** All federal entities, including federal buildings and US currency, which

5 currently contain the national motto or will contain the national motto by

6 the date this legislation takes effect will not be required to display the new

7 national motto. Only entities that will bear the national motto and are

8 established or created after this bill takes effect will be required to use the

9 new national motto.

10 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division shall oversee and

11 enforce the provisions of this bill.

12 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January 1, 2019.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Adam Warner
Clover Hill High School*

B/R #305
A BILL TO MANDATE SAFE KEEPING OF FIREARMS

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All people who own a hand gun and live with a child and/or a person

3 suffering from mental illness should store their fire arm in a safe

4 **SECTION 2. A.** A child will be identified as anyone under the age of 18

5 B. A person with mental illness will be identified as a person who has been

6 medically diagnosed with the illness.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Public Safety will oversee implementation of this bill

8 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect within six months of passage

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Enida Jeteric
Palm Beach Gardens High School

B/R #306

A BILL TO RAISE FEDERAL TAX ON FANTASY SPORTS WINNINGS

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The US should raise the Federal Tax on Fantasy Sports Winnings from

3 25% to 30%.

4 **SECTION 2.** A Fantasy Sports Win is money gained after winning a bet in a Fantasy

5 Sport.

6 **SECTION 3.** Federal Sports Control Agency will oversee enforcement of the

7 legislation.

8 **SECTION 4.** The legislation will be implemented March 1, 2016.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Mannit Gupta
Chantilly High School*

B/R #307
A RESOLUTION TO PLACE SANCTIONS ON TURKEY TO PROMOTE KURDISH
INDEPENDENCE

- 1 **WHEREAS**, Turkey has committed numerous human rights abuses against its Kurdish
2 population and other groups and continues to do so; and
- 3 **WHEREAS**, Turkey's actions in the Middle East have been counterproductive to American
4 and Coalition goals; and
- 5 **WHEREAS**, Tensions between Turkey and Kurdistan have been on the rise, creating a possible
6 impediment to continued effective Kurdish resistance to ISIS; now, therefore
- 7 **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled place sanctions on Turkey until it grants
8 autonomous governing powers to its Kurdish region.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Andrew Imredy
St. Joseph's Preparatory School

B/R #308

A BILL TO REGULATE THE TEACHING OF THE THEORY OF EVOLUTION IN SCHOOLS TO PROMOTE A DIVERSE VIEWPOINT AMONG STUDENTS

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Any and all public primary and secondary educational institutions or any
3 academic institutions, which receive funding from their respective state
4 Departments of Education, which teach the theory of Evolution, will be
5 required to also teach Creationism.

6 **SECTION 2.** A. “Creationism” is defined as the scientific theory that the universe
7 originates from specific acts of divine reality.

8 B. “Acts of divine reality” are defined as the actions of a widely believed
9 supernatural force, which rather occurred at the hands of a natural force.

10 **SECTION 3.** States’ Departments of Education will oversee and dictate an amended
11 curriculum, which includes a differing viewpoint to existing curriculums,
12 which already teach the theory of Evolution in publicly funded educational
13 institutions.

14 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Education of each state will be required to create an
15 appropriate curriculum by August 1, 2021. State government organizations
16 will be required to enforce this curriculum by August 1, 2026.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Michael-Scott Greco
Xaverian High School*

B/R #401

A BILL TO REMOVE THE HOME INTEREST DEDUCTION TO BUILD A BETTER AMERICA

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Taxpayers may no longer claim the home mortgage deduction. Revenue
3 raised from its elimination will be allocated towards investments in
4 infrastructure.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. The “home mortgage deduction” shall be defined as the removal of
6 interest payments on home purchases from taxable income.

7 B. A joint commission made up of representatives of the Departments of
8 Agriculture, Commerce, and Transportation, in addition to the
9 Environmental Protection Agency, will allocate the funds under the
10 following guidelines:

11 i. At least half of all funding must be allocated to transportation
12 projects.

13 ii. At least one third of all funding must be allocated to projects
14 supporting water security and conservation.

15 iii. At least one tenth of all funding must be allocated to municipalities
16 and states in the form of grants.

17 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service will be tasked with collecting the revenue.

18 **SECTION 4.** This law will go into effect in fiscal year 2017

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Nate Jones
Cary Academy*

B/R #402

A BILL TO CEASE FURTHER PRODUCTION OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS TO PRESERVE THE HEALTH OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The production of Genetically Modified Organisms will be ceased.

3 **SECTION 2.** Genetically Modified Organisms are defined as organisms in which the
4 genetic material (DNA) has been modified in a way that does not develop
5 naturally by mating or natural recombination.

6 **SECTION 3.** A. The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will enforce
7 this bill.

8 B. Mechanisms of enforcement include production surveillance, a
9 Compliance Check Inspection Program for all GMO Production
10 companies, and an Imports Program.

11 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented immediately after passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Vanshika Vijayram
Chantilly High School*

B/R #403

A BILL TO RECORD POLICE OFFICERS TO MINIMIZE VIOLENCE

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All law-enforcement officers in the United States shall be required to wear

3 and turn on body cameras when on duty.

4 **SECTION 2.** The terms of the bill are as follows:

5 A. Camera resolution must be at least 12 MP.

6 B. “On duty” refers to times when an officer is scheduled to work or is
7 known to be working.

8 C. The cameras will be funded by allocating military funding for the
9 purchase of the cameras and storing data produced by the cameras.

10 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Defense will be responsible for
11 enforcing the bill through the inspection of each police station.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect with the 2017 fiscal year.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Kali Nyland
Dallastown Area High School*

B/R #404

**A BILL TO EMPOWER THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR EDUCATION STATISTICS
TO BETTER THE NATION'S PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) is hereby required to
3 collect, evaluate, and report data about the state of the nation's public
4 school facilities.

5 **SECTION 2.** The NCES will make recommendations on further action based on their
6 research on how to better the nation's school buildings.

7 **SECTION 3.** The data and the recommendations that the NCES collects shall be
8 published annually and made freely available to the public.

9 **SECTION 4.** The United States Department of Education shall oversee the
10 implementation and funding of this bill.

11 **SECTION 5.** This bill shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

12 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Amaris Hester
Marriotts Ridge High School*

B/R #405

**A BILL TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF H-1B VISAS GRANTED IN ORDER TO BENEFIT
THE STEM FIELDS**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** That the amount of H-1B visas granted will increase from 65,000 to
3 200,000

4 **SECTION 2.** H-1B visas will be defined as a non-immigrant visa that allows US
5 companies to employ foreign workers in specialty occupations that require
6 expertise in fields such as architecture, engineering, mathematics, science,
7 and medicine

8 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services shall oversee
9 implementation of this bill

10 A. Qualifications and Regulations needed to obtain an H-1B visa will stay
11 the same

12 **SECTION 4.** This Legislation shall be enacted within 6 months

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Meghan Sprankle
Palm Beach Gardens High School*

B/R #406

A BILL TO REMOVE SANCTIONS ON RUSSIA TO STOP A FAILING INITIATIVE

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States of America will remove all economic sanctions placed
3 on Russia due to an overall failure at making a substantial impact.

4 **SECTION 2.** Economic sanctions are defined as any withdrawal of customary trade and
5 financial relations for foreign and security purposes. This includes trade
6 barriers and business transactions.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State will oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented immediately after passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Maeve Kessler
Pennsbury High School*

B/R #407

A BILL TO BAN AUTOMATIC TO INCREASE PUBLIC SAFETY

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All automatic guns will no longer be legal to own or purchase in the
3 United States.

4 **SECTION 2.** An Automatic Gun is defined as a gun that continuously fires rounds as
5 long as the trigger is pressed and held and there is ammunition in the gun.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives(ATF) will be
7 responsible for upholding this law on the federal level.

8 A. At the state and local level the state and local law enforcement will
9 have the authority to confiscate automatic guns.

10 B. All investigations involving automatic guns will be done by Federal
11 Bureau of Investigation(FBI) in coordination with the states and
12 territories.

13 C. Guns shops will be required to report to authorities who they have sold
14 automatic guns by the date below. Authorities will be able to easily
15 obtain a search warrant after the date below to search the houses of
16 those who have been sold automatic guns and have not surrendered
17 their automatic guns.

18 D. Gun owners will be compensated with the value of their guns by
19 January 1st 2017.

20 **SECTION 4.** This law will come into full effect immediately, and all automatic guns
21 must be surrendered to the federal government, and gun shops will be
22 required to report automatic gun sales by May 1st 2016.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Noah Sadoff

Solebury School

B/R #408
**A BILL TO ENHANCE THORIUM NUCLEAR ENERGY RESEARCH FOR
A MORE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The funding of Thorium nuclear power research, development, and the
3 implementation to be increased to \$5 billion due to a growing need to find
4 new, efficient ways of obtaining energy.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. “Development” shall be defined as to grow or cause to grow and
6 become more mature, advanced, or elaborate.

7 B. “Research” shall be defined as the systematic investigation into and
8 study of materials and sources in order to establish facts and reach new
9 conclusions.

10 C. “Efficient” shall be defined as achieving maximum productivity with
11 minimum wasted effort or expense.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy, The Department of the Treasury, as well as the
13 Nuclear Regulatory Commission shall be responsible for executing and
14 overseeing this legislation along with the specific enforcement
15 mechanism.

16 A. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will oversee the safety of any
17 research conducted or power plant that is constructed.

18 B. The Department of Energy will oversee the aims and allocations of
19 government funding.

20 C. The Department of the Treasury will oversee the financial
21 implementation of this bill.

22 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented at the start of the 2018 fiscal year.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Andres Rodriguez
Timber Creek High School*

B/R #501
A BILL TO RENEW THE SOLAR INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The current solar investment tax credit at 30% shall be renewed for use due
3 to its expiration in 2016.

4 **SECTION 2.** A) The Solar Investment Tax Credit shall be defined as a 30% tax credit
5 that is used for commercial and/or residential projects.

6 B) Commercial projects shall be defined as projects that are used to
7 increase or generate capital.

8 **SECTION 3.** The IRS, Department of Energy, and Department of Treasury shall be
9 responsible for the implementation of this legislation.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be passed immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Vishesh Anandjee
The Bronx High School of Science

B/R #502

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO GIVE REPRESENTATION TO PUERTO RICO

1 **WHEREAS**, American citizens in Puerto Rico are not represented in the United States
2 government despite having a higher population than 21 states

3 **WHEREAS**, These people don't have the power to vote in United States presidential
4 elections; and

5 **WHEREAS**, These individuals don't have the power to elect the leaders that directly
6 influence the future of the country that controls them; now therefore, be it

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

12 **ARTICLE 1**

13 SECTION 1: The House of Representatives shall be composed of
14 members chosen every second year by the people of the
15 several states and Puerto Rico, and the electors in each state
16 and Puerto Rico shall have the qualifications requisite for
17 electors of the most numerous branches of the state and
18 Puerto Rico legislature.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Ben Lipson
Cary Academy*

B/R #503

A BILL TO RAISE FEDERAL TAX ON FANTASY SPORTS WINNINGS

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The US should raise the Federal Tax on Fantasy Sports Winnings from

3 25% to 30%.

4 **SECTION 2.** A Fantasy Sports Win is money gained after winning a bet in a Fantasy

5 Sport.

6 **SECTION 3.** Federal Sports Control Agency will oversee enforcement of the

7 legislation.

8 **SECTION 4.** The legislation will be implemented March 1, 2016.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Mannit Gupta
Chantilly High School*

B/R #504
A BILL TO INVEST IN CYBERSECURITY

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The annual budget of the United States Cyber Command
3 (USCYBERCOM) shall be increased by \$500,000,000.

4 A. A minimum of 15% of the funding allotted in Section 1 must be used
5 by USCYBERCOM to work with private U.S. based enterprises in an
6 effort to improve the cyber security of the United States.

7 **SECTION 2.** The United States Cyber Command shall be responsible for the selection
8 of all private enterprises.

9 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the United States Cyber
10 Command shall be responsible for the implementation of funding.

11 A. The U.S. Government Accountability Office shall perform annual
12 assessments in order to ensure that all funding from this legislation is
13 being used efficiently.

14 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this legislation shall take effect six months after its
15 passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Christian Cardus
Christ the King High School

B/R #505

A BILL TO DEFUND AND ELIMINATE THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States government shall defund and eliminate the United States Postal
3 Service.

4 **SECTION 2.** Private postal companies will take over for the United States Postal Service.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Office of Management and Budget shall be responsible for enforcing the
6 provisions of this bill.

7 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January 15, 2017.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Bennett

Clover Hill High School

B/R #506
A BILL TO BAN PRESCRIPTION DRUG ADVERTISEMENTS

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All direct to consumer (DTC) advertisements for prescription medications
3 in the United States are hereby declared illegal.

4 **SECTION 2.** Each violation of this legislation is subject to a \$250,000 fine requiring
5 payment within the fiscal year of said violation occurs on.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in conjunction with the
7 Food and Drug Administration (FDA) shall enforce this legislation.

8 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect within 12 months of passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Tina Tarighian
Millburn High School*

B/R #507
A RESOLUTION TO SANCTION SAUDI ARABIA

1 **WHEREAS**, Saudi Arabia has had numerous human rights violations; and
2 **WHEREAS**, relations with Saudi Arabia and Iran may destabilize the region; and
3 **WHEREAS**, the United States is no longer dependent on foreign oil; and
4 **WHEREAS**, importing Saudi Arabian oil funds a large part of the Saudi Arabian economy;
5 now, therefore, be it
6 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that. The United States should impose economic
7 sanctions on Saudi Arabia.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Mason Graham
Wellington High School*

B/R #508

A BILL TO GUARANTEE TWO YEARS OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government will subsidize tuition costs for the first
3 forty-eight credits of post-secondary education taken at institutions which issue
4 accredited degrees or certificates.

5 **SECTION 2.** The terms of this bill are defined as follows:

6 A. Tuition costs refers to only the amount paid to the institution for courses in
7 which the student is enrolled. Books, fees, room, and board are not covered by
8 this legislation.

9 B. Forty-eight credits is calculated based upon models of credit calculation in
10 which one credit is equivalent to fourteen hours of post-secondary instruction.

11 C. Accredited degrees, certificates, or diplomas are those issued by institutions
12 classified by the Department of Education as having proper accreditation.

13 D. Post-secondary education is schooling that takes place after the completion of
14 a high school diploma with the aim to earn an accredited degree or certificate.

15 **SECTION 3.** The Office of Postsecondary Education within the United States Department of
16 Education will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

17 A. Funds will be provided through the normal fiscal year 2017 budgeting process.

18 **SECTION 4.** This law shall go into effect in the fiscal year 2017.

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

*Respectfully Submitted,
Emma Poff
York Catholic High School*