

**A Resolution to Require Vehicle Manufacturers to Add Automatic Braking Systems  
to Road Tractors That Weigh Over 14,000 Pounds**

1. Whereas, many of our roads and highways are the sites of deadly accidents, and
2. Whereas, these accidents involve road tractors, trailers, and/or other vehicles, and
3. Whereas, the addition of these automatic braking systems will decrease the driver
4. response time needed to avoid an accident and therefore decrease the amount of
5. accidents on our roads, and
6. Therefore, by affirmation of this resolution by the student congress assembled here,
7. vehicle manufacturers in the United States will add automatic braking systems to
8. road tractors they sell and/or manufacture that weigh over 14,000 pounds.

Sincerely,

Grant Campbell, G.A.R. Memorial JR/SR HS

Bill #736

The Preservation of Voting Rights Act of 2016

1 Article I: Be it here enacted that no State shall deny an individual their right to vote  
2 due to a lack of photographic, or other means of identification.

3 Article II: Identification shall be defined as any form of physical or digital  
4 documentation that contains private detailing information on the  
5 individual.

6 Article III: The United States Federal Court System shall be responsible for the  
7 oversight of this legislation.

8 Article IV: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Senator Jacob Alcott*

*Lake Braddock Secondary School*

# A Resolution to Require Gender Neutral Bathrooms

By

E.L. Meyers High School

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the trans\* community is increasing; and
- 2 **WHEREAS**, there is increasing violence against trans\* people; and
- 3 **WHEREAS**, trans\* individuals need area where they can feel safe ; now, therefore,
- 4 **BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Pennsylvania High School Speech League Student
- 5 Congress here assembled, that gender neutral bathrooms shall be required in public
- 6 establishments with public bathrooms .

**A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO  
ESTABLISH EQUALITY FOR ALL**

**WHEREAS**, Inequality among Americans is seen in all aspects of society today; and  
**WHEREAS**, The Constitution specifically states, “All men are created equal,” and a government that denies its people equal treatment under the law is violating their human rights; and

**WHEREAS**, Inequality has been rampant in America for hundreds of years and the people are demanding that this trend be terminated; and now, therefore, be it

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

ARTICLE --

SECTION 1: No individual shall be denied any right or privilege by the United States or by any state on account of sex, gender identity, race, religion, disability, political opinion, and/or immigration case status. All individuals over the age of 18 will be awarded the same treatment by the US government and all state governments.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Rep. Hayley Boote  
EL Meyers High School*

Bill #743

A Bill to Reform Prisons and Incarceration

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 Article I: In an effort to reduce incarceration rates and prison overcrowding, in  
3 instances where offenders of petty crimes or misdemeanors would be  
4 sent to prison, they must be charged with house arrest instead.

5 Article II: The extent and duration of restriction will still be determined on a  
6 case-by-case basis.

7 Article III: This bill will be implemented immediately upon passage.

8 Article IV: The Department of Justice will oversee the implementation of this bill.

9 Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation shall hereby be declared null  
10 and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Senator Kana Griffin

Lake Braddock Secondary School

**A BILL TO MANDATE A BALANCED FEDERAL BUDGET**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall adopt annually a balanced federal budget.

3 **SECTION 2.** The federal budget shall not be balanced by transfer from trust funds such  
4 as Social Security or by the issuance of bonds or notes.

5 **SECTION 3.** This will be overseen by the Office of Management and Budget.

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

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Bensalem High School*

**A BILL TO CEASE FEDERAL FUNDING FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall close the U.S. Department of Education’s Charter  
3 Schools Program.

4 **SECTION 2.** The federal budget shall not appropriate any sum of money whatsoever to  
5 expand or otherwise financially support public charter schools in any  
6 jurisdiction with an existing public school system.

7 **SECTION 3.** This will be overseen by the US Department of Education.

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

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*William Tennent High School*

**A Bill to Construct an Artificial Island in the Spratly Islands To  
Strengthen US Influence in the Region**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall hereby construct an artificial island, to be used as a  
3 military base, in the Spratly Islands.

4 **SECTION 2.** An artificial island shall be defined an island that has been constructed by  
5 people rather than natural means. It shall be created by expanding existing  
6 islets, constructing on existing reefs, or amalgamating several natural  
7 islets into a bigger island. A military base shall be defined as a facility  
8 directly owned and operated by, or for, the military or one of its branches  
9 that shelters military equipment and/or personnel, and facilitates training  
10 and operations.

11 **SECTION 3.** This bill shall be enforced by the Department of Defense.

12 A. The funding for this bill shall come from the Department of  
13 Defense's budget for the fiscal year of this bill's implementation.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be effective 3 months after passage.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Unionville High School*



**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. Sarah Myers  
Strath Haven HS*

## **A Resolution to End Standardized Testing**

1        WHEREAS, High Stakes Testing cause incredible amounts of stress on the  
2        millions of students who take standardized tests.

3        WHEREAS, The US international rankings have shown almost no change or  
4        decline since the No Child Left Behind Act implemented increased  
5        standardized testing.

6        WHEREAS, Standardized Testing benefits the corporations who create the  
7        test, while hurting the schools with limited resources.

8        WHEREAS, Millions of Parents have already used philosophical and religious  
9        exemptions to get their children out of taking required tests.

10        WHEREAS, the pressure placed on educators have lead to cheating scandals  
11        in several schools around the US.

12.        THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE  
13        ASSEMBLIED: The United States should no longer require mandatory  
14        standardized tests public schools.

Faithfully Submitted by

Loyd Diaz  
Shikellamy High School

**A BILL TO FUND ALTERNATIVE ENERGY INITIATIVES**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall issue Grants to Alternative Energy Initiatives.

3 **SECTION 2.** Alternative Energy Initiatives shall be defined as an official enterprise  
4 focused on the furthering of any brand of Green/Renewable Energy.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy shall oversee the enforcement of this bill.

6 A. The Department of Energy will also be tasked with the creation of  
7 ‘Green Energy Conventions’.

8 B. At these conventions, entities ranging from independents to small  
9 companies will compete to win Grants based on their efforts in the  
10 advancement of Green Energy.

11 C. \$10,000 will be awarded to independent winners.

12 D. \$500,000 will be awarded to small companies who win.

13 E. \$1 Million will be given annually to companies who won and  
14 continue to specialize in Alternative Energy.

15 F. The first convention will be held one year after the passage of this  
16 bill. Conventions will be held yearly.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect on February 28, 2016.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Harry S. Truman*

# **A Resolution to More Clearly Define What a Religion is to Prevent the Abuse of Tax Exemption and Evasion of Criminal Charges by Fabricated Religious Organizations**

1 **WHEREAS,** It is particularly facile to establish a religion; and

2 **WHEREAS,** The tax-exempt status of religious organizations can be abused; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Some religions already take advantage of this status and make substantial  
4 amounts of money that should be going to the government; and

5 **WHEREAS,** The establishment of such religions allows these religions to justify the  
6 committing of crimes; therefore be it

7 **RESOLVED:** That the Congress here assembled clarify and limit the definition of what a  
8 religion is; and, be it

9 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That institutions that follow religions that do not fit these  
10 guidelines be taxed accordingly.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Benjamin Becker*

*Southern Lehigh HS*

## **A Bill to Ban the Sale of High Capacity Firearm Magazines**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The sale, manufacturing and transporting of High Capacity Firearm

3 Magazines in the United States will be illegal.

4 All Law Enforcement and Military Personnel will be exempt

5 **SECTION 2.** A High Capacity Firearm Magazine will be fined as many magazines for

6 any firearm that contains more than 10 rounds of ammunition".

7 **SECTION 3.** The United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

8 will oversee the implementation and enforcement of this bill.

9 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented exactly 30 days after the passing of the

10 legislation.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cameron Sauers of Notre Dame GreenPond High School*

**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,*

*Pennsbury High School*

## **A Bill to Make Concealed Handgun Laws Regarding Issuing of Permits Shall-Issue (Danville Bill)**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** In order to protect the rights outlined by the Second Amendment to the Constitution, laws regarding the issuing of concealed carry permits shall now be under the “shall-issue” jurisdiction.

**SECTION 2.** Concealed weapon refers to a weapon, lethal or non lethal, that is able to be concealed on one’s person or in close proximity. The Second Amendment states that “the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.” Shall issue category refers to the policy in which a person must carry a license to carry a concealed handgun, but where granting of such licenses is subject only to the criteria laid out by law and the authority granting this has no discretion in the granting of licenses

**SECTION 3.** The Congress of the United States will make policies regarding concealed carry.

A. Requests for permits, background checks, and, if necessary, evaluation of other criteria shall be managed by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Additionally, once the law comes into effect, there will be a review of current owners of concealed carry permits. The review of current owners of concealed carry permits and pending requests for permits will be overseen by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

**SECTION 4.** Legislation regarding the new federal policy will come into affect by the beginning of the next fiscal year.

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

**The Federal Minimum Wage Act of 2016**

1	<b>BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:</b>
2	Section 6(a) 1 of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 is amended to read as
3	follows:
4	“(1) except as otherwise provided in this section, the federal minimum wage
5	shall be not less than—
6	“(A) \$8.50 an hour, beginning on July 1, 2016;
7	“(B) \$9.50 an hour, beginning on July 1, 2017;
8	“(C) \$10.50 an hour, beginning on July 1, 2018;”
9	<b>BE IT FURTHER ENACTED:</b>
10	Section 3(m)(1) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (referring to Tipped
11	Employees) is amended to
12	read as follows:
13	“(1) the wage paid such employees, which for purposes of such determination
14	shall be not less than—
15	“(A) 40% of the federal minimum wage, beginning on July 1, 2016;
16	“(B) 55% of the federal minimum wage, beginning on July 1, 2017;
17	“(C) 70% of the federal minimum wage, beginning on July 1, 2018;”
18	<b>QBE IT FURTHER ENACTED:</b>
19	The House Workforce Committee is tasked with constructing legislation, to be
20	introduced no later than 2018, with a fair calculation for future increases of the
21	Federal Minimum Wage inline with increases in the Consumer Price Index.



## Amending the XXII Amendment

1	<b>BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:</b>
2	Section 1 of the Amendment XXII of the United States Constitution is amended
3	to read as follows:
4	“No person shall be elected to the office of the President more than three times,
5	and no person who has held the office of President, or acted as President, for
6	more than two years of a term to which some other person was elected President
7	shall be elected to the office of the President more than twice.”

Respectfully Submitted by Gwynedd Mercy Academy

## **A Bill to Record Police Officers to Minimize Violence**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** All law enforcement officers in the United States shall be required to wear and turn on body cameras when on duty.

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

- A. Camera resolution must be at least 12 MP.
- B. “On duty” refers to times when an officer is scheduled to work or known to be working.
- C. The cameras will be funded by allocating military funding for the purchase of the cameras and storing data produced by the cameras.

**SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Defense will be responsible for enforcing the bill through the inspection of each police station. Any and all stations found to be noncompliant will not receive federal funding until they do comply.

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

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dallastown Area High School.*

**A RESOLUTION TO REGULATE PAYDAY LOANS TO  
STOP PREDATORY LENDING PRACTICES**

- 1   **WHEREAS**, People are getting loans that they simply can't repay; and  
2   **WHEREAS**, Right now there are almost no regulation on these loans, allowing the lenders to  
3                   take advantage of the borrowers; and  
4   **WHEREAS**, This is inducing a lack of trust from both the borrowers and national banks; and  
5   **WHEREAS**, This lack of trust hurting not only these borrowers but our economy as a whole;  
6                   now, therefore, be it  
7   **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled make the recommendation that the  
8                   federal regulations set forth by the Consumer and Financial Protection Bureau.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Rep. Anton Peschansky  
Holy Ghost Preparatory School*