

A Bill to Subsidize Urban Agriculture

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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SECTION 1. \$10 billion USD shall be allocated to subsidize urban agriculture in economically struggling American cities. This funding will be allocated as subsidies to agricultural entrepreneurs and companies with fewer than 25 employees.

SECTION 2. “Urban agriculture” shall be defined as any effort to locally source food production in American cities. “Struggling” shall refer to cities with unemployment and malnutrition rates higher than the national average.

SECTION 3. The Department of Agriculture shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation will be implemented in Fiscal Year 2017.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the 2016 Ridge Debates.

A Bill to Subsidize Sustainable Urban Development

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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SECTION 1. The United States Federal Government shall allocate \$50 billion USD to subsidize development in cities which:

a) Eliminate parking minimums for new commercial and residential real estate projects.

b) Implement stringent requirements for development in historically minority neighborhoods, including but not limited to rent controls specific to these neighborhoods.

c) Invest in public transportation projects that do not rely on fossil fuels.

SECTION 2. “Historically minority neighborhoods” shall refer to areas inhabited by a majority non-white population since 1960. “Parking minimums” shall refer to requirements that parking structures accompany new buildings.

SECTION 3. The Department of Housing and Urban Development, in conjunction with the Department of Transportation, will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect in Fiscal Year 2018.

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

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A Bill to Place Term Limits on Members of Congress

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All members of Congress will have one six year term with no opportunity
3 for re-election after their term. However, if they lose, they may run again
4 in the next election cycle;

5 **SECTION 2.** A member of Congress includes US Senators and members of the US
6 House of Representatives.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Elections Committee (FEC) will be responsible for the
8 implementation and enforcement of this legislation;

9 **A.** Members of congress who will have served less than 4 years may run
10 for re-election after implementation. Those who have served more
11 than 4 years will not be allowed to run again;

12 **B.** Whenever a seat becomes open for re-election after the
13 implementation of this legislation, it will fall under this new system;

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be immediately upon passage;

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

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17 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Maximilian Porlein, Bronx Science.*

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A Bill to Grant Voting Rights to Felons to Ensure that All Citizens Can Vote

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Felons who have criminal histories will be allowed to participate in the voting during the next local, state, or federal election after they have served their term of incarceration.

SECTION 2. A felon shall be defined as an individual who has committed a crime or felony in the past, and has been sentenced to spend time incarcerated. Term of incarceration is the duration of time in which a convict must spend in prison. During this time, felons will not be allowed to vote; after they are released, this legislation will apply to them.

SECTION 3. The Department of Justice shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ranen Miao, Millburn High School

A Bill to Reduce Carbon Emissions

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. Congress shall impose a tax on electricity companies, oil refiners, and
3 other power-generating companies at a rate of \$20 per ton of Carbon
4 Dioxide (CO₂) emitted. This tax rate shall increase by 4% each year for
5 five years after implementation, and then.

6 B. 50% of all revenues gained from this tax shall be allocated to
7 investments in solar energy, wind energy, hydropower, and other viable
8 renewable energies.

9 **SECTION 2.** A “power generating company” is an energy producer that emits over
10 100,000 tons of CO₂ annually.

11 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of Energy and the Department of Treasury shall
12 jointly enforce Section 1A.

13 B. The Department of Energy shall allocate the funds provided in Section
14 1B and shall determine the most viable renewable energies.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect in Fiscal Year 2018

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

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19 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Montville Township High School*

A Bill to Assist an Anbar Awakening and Destroy ISIS

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Beginning January 1st, 2020, the US Armed Forces will be barred from the
3 usage of Private Military Contractors (PMCs).

4 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Defense will be tasked with the execution and
5 funding of this bill.

6 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will take immediately after passage

7 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Stuyvesant High School

A Bill to Limit Drug Abuse by Mandating E-Prescriptions

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** E-Prescriptions will hereby be mandated when prescribing any forms of
3 medication to limit drug misuse and abuse.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. "E-Prescriptions" will be defined as prescribing all medications through
5 an online network connected to all pharmacies.

6 B. "Medication" will be defined as any and all substances prescribed to
7 any patient.

8 **SECTION 3.** The implementation of this bill shall be overseen by the Drug
9 Enforcement Agency and Department of Health and Human Services.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented at the end of FY 2016.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Adam Jourhmane.