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A Resolution to Protect Students’ Emotional Safety

- 1 **WHEREAS**, students have a right to feel safe during their studies; and
- 2 **WHEREAS**, students who have suffered physical, emotional, and sexual abuse may have
3 adverse effects when faced with controversial material in the classroom
4 without proper opportunities to prepare themselves; and
- 5 **WHEREAS**, students should also have the right to engage in free discourse without the
6 fear of being ridiculed or belittled because of political view, gender
7 identity, sexual preference, race, ethnicity, or other unrelated reasons; and
- 8 **WHEREAS**, attempts to provide students with notice about controversial material and
9 opportunities for discourse have been met with cries of “political
10 correctness” and “censorship;” and
- 11 **WHEREAS**, those cries have led to a response which minimizes the feelings of many
12 students; and
- 13 **WHEREAS**, the reaction to such responses has led to many students feeling threatened
14 and fearful for their safety; now, therefore, be it
- 15 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that colleges and universities should not
16 discourage safe spaces and trigger warnings on their campuses or in their
17 curricula.
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A Bill to Protect the Reliability of Elections

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** No voting machine shall be used in the election of federal offices which is
3 capable of electronically connecting to a central network, or which
4 transmits election results electronically.

5 **SECTION 2.** Such connections may occur wirelessly, through cellular phone networks,
6 or through standard internet connections. Election results may include
7 both vote totals and raw demographic data of voters.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall oversee implementation of and
9 compliance with this regulation.

10 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on November 1, 2016.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by _____.

A Bill to Mandate Release of Video Footage In Officer-Involved Shootings

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1. A.** In all cases where a law enforcement officer is involved in an incident
3 involving the discharge of firearms which results in the injury or death of
4 a suspect, all unedited video footage of the incident must be turned over to
5 the Department of Justice within 24 hours.

6 **B.** All such footage must also be made available to any interested media
7 outlets within 72 hours after the incident.

8 **SECTION 2.** Video footage may be from dashboard cameras, body cameras, helicopter
9 cameras, drone videos, embedded media sources, or any other means of
10 recording the incident which are controlled and held by the law
11 enforcement agency.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will oversee enforcement of this legislation,
13 and will examine video footage turned over to determine if the civil rights
14 of the victim were violated during the incident.

15 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on January 1, 2017.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by _____.

A Bill to Ban the Sale of Shark Fins

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** No person shall possess, trade, distribute, ship, transport, offer for sale,
3 sell, purchase, import, or export shark fins or products containing shark
4 fins within the United States.

5 **SECTION 2.** This shall include both commercial and personal uses of such products
6 inside the United States.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Interior shall administer this act. Violations of this
8 act shall result in a penalty of no more than \$100,000 and up to five years
9 imprisonment.

10 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on January 1, 2017.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by _____.



A Bill to Provide Proper Healthcare Incentives

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The joint rule on Incentives for Nondiscriminatory Wellness Programs in

3 Group Health Plans is amended to include the following language: “No

4 incentive shall be allowed which provides a financial penalty for any

5 failure to correct any behavior or healthcare condition.”

6 **SECTION 2.** Such penalties may include, but are not limited to, higher healthcare

7 premiums for those who smoke, higher healthcare premiums for those

8 who meet the definition of overweight or obese, or changes in coverage

9 based upon the cessation of the above.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Departments of Health and Human Services, Labor, and Treasury, as

11 well as the Internal Revenue Service, will oversee enforcement of this

12 joint rule.

13 **SECTION 4.** This will take effect at the end of the next Affordable Care Act open

14 enrollment period.

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

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A Bill to Halt THAAD

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will immediately cease development and deployment of
3 the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) system.

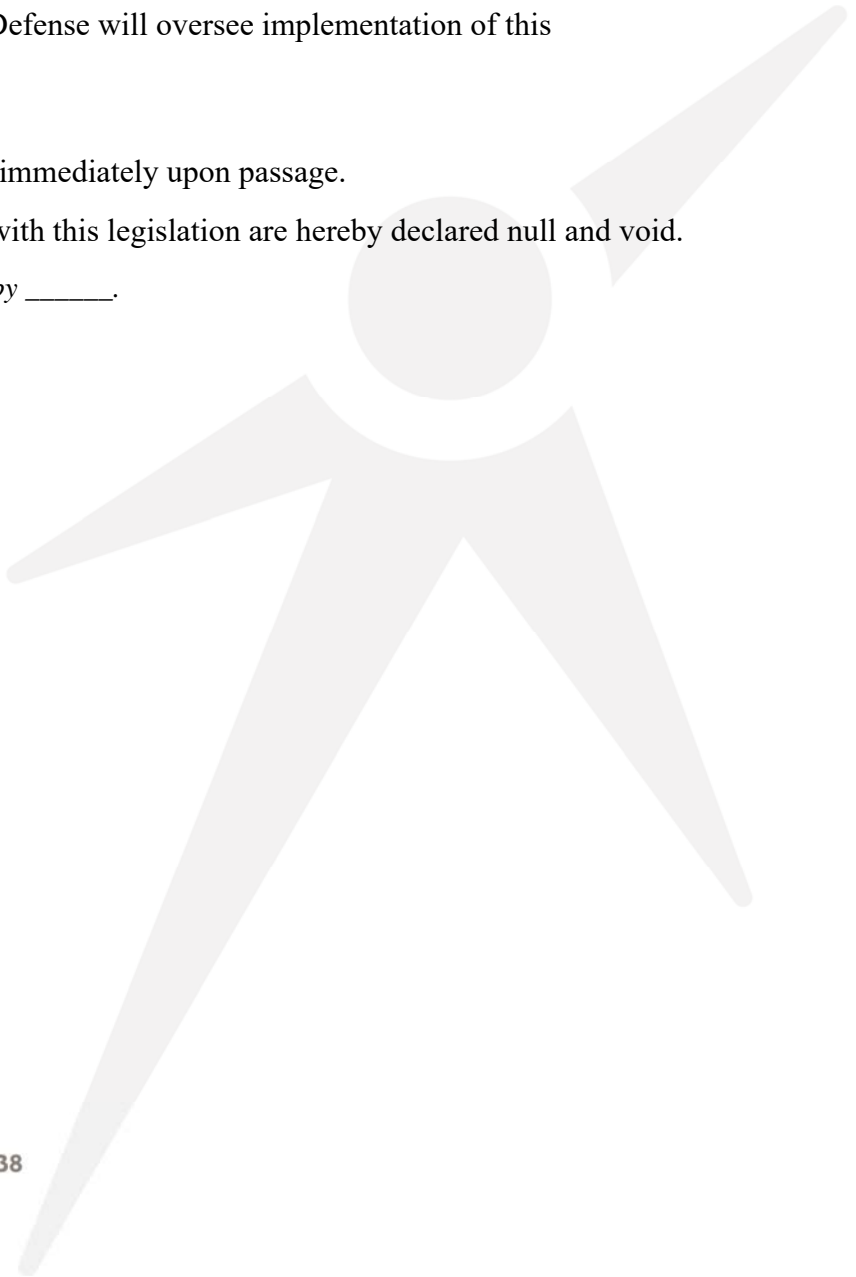
4 **SECTION 2.** THAAD is a missile defense system intended for deployment in South
5 Korea.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense will oversee implementation of this
7 legislation.

8 **SECTION 4.** This will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

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A Bill to Designate Gold Butte as a National Conservation Area

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Gold Butte area shall be designated as a National Conservation Area,
3 and afforded the protections therein. Commercial grazing and farming
4 shall be prohibited within the designated area.

5 **SECTION 2.** Gold Butte refers to an area of about 350,000 acres of public lands that sits
6 between the Overton Arm of Lake Mead National Recreation Area and
7 the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument just west of Mesquite.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Interior will oversee the preservation and use of
9 this land.

10 **SECTION 4.** This will take effect upon passage. All current commercial grazing
11 animals shall be removed by June 1, 2017, or shall become property of the
12 United States government.

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

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A Resolution to Condemn Extrajudicial Murder

- 1 **WHEREAS**, Philippine president Rodrigo Duterte was elected on a pledge to eliminate
2 crime related to drug use; and
- 3 **WHEREAS**, since taking office, the Philippines has seen a surge in killings of suspected
4 drug users and dealers; and
- 5 **WHEREAS**, many of the victims have had no confirmed connection to any drug activity,
6 but appear to have been targeted randomly; and
- 7 **WHEREAS**, such killings may not have been officially sanctioned by the government,
8 but are being encouraged by President Duterte; and
- 9 **WHEREAS**, these killings are antithetical to the concept of justice and the principle of
10 innocent until proven guilty; and
- 11 **WHEREAS**, President Duterte has applauded these vigilante killings as necessary to
12 keeping law and order in the Philippines; and
- 13 **WHEREAS**, he has even threatened President Obama if the United States questioned his
14 record on human rights; now, therefore, be it
- 15 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that continued use of extrajudicial killing
16 of suspected drug users and sellers will result in economic sanctions on the
17 Philippines.



A Bill to Make our Highways Safer

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All commercial vehicles with a gross weight greater than 30,000 pounds
3 shall be equipped with a mechanical device to limit maximum speed of the
4 vehicle to no more than 68 miles per hour.

5 **SECTION 2.** This device, or governor, shall be required as standard equipment on all
6 vehicles manufactured after the effective date of the legislation, and all
7 existing vehicles shall be retrofitted to include this device.

8 **SECTION 3.** The National Transportation Highway Safety Board shall be responsible
9 for enforcement of this legislation. Operators of vehicles found to be in
10 violation shall be subject to a fine of no less than \$10,000.

11 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on March 1, 2018.

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

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A Bill to Keep America Clean

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Docket no. FDA-1975-N-0012, the FDA ruling on certain antibacterial
3 washes, is overturned, and products containing the ingredients listed
4 therein shall be available to consumers.

5 **SECTION 2.** The ruling sought to regulate the manufacture and sale of products
6 containing nineteen different antibacterial ingredients, including triclosan
7 and triclocarban.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Food and Drug Administration shall be responsible for the changes in
9 policy.

10 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

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