

**A Resolution To Grant Statehood to All US Territories and the District of Columbia**

**WHEREAS,** The United States of America has mistreated its five territories and its capital as well as, and more importantly the citizens of these lands for years; and

**WHEREAS,** This mistreatment leads to a negative world view of the United States, a horrific life for the citizens of the District of Columbia and the US territories, and the United States becoming a empirical regime akin to the one that these colonies rebelled against;

**WHEREAS,** US citizens living in US territories are not treated as equal citizens and most importantly cannot vote in US elections for political offices that could send a citizen of these territories off to war and citizens of the District of Columbia cannot function as a city government without Congress's approval of any of their actions;

**RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled grant immediate statehood to Guam, the US Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, and the District of Columbia;

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** That these new states will be granted all the protections of US states immediately including electoral votes in the upcoming Presidential election if their statehood is granted in time.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Noah Musto

Abington Heights High School JV

**A RESOLUTION TO CONDEMN THE ACTIONS OF PRESIDENT RECEP TAYYIP  
ERDOGAN TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF TURKS**

- WHEREAS**, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan is acting in ways befitting a dictator
- WHEREAS**, President Erdogan and his government have taken over a newspaper and conducted mass arrests
- WHEREAS**, the rights of the Turkish people are at stake as long as President Erdogan is in power; and
- WHEREAS**, President Erdogan has expanded his power and attempted to crush political opposition
- RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for solution and, be it
- FURTHER RESOLVED**, That President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and his actions are formally condemned by Congress and that he is called upon to step down from office.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Tyler Kusma*

*Abington Heights School District  
Varsity*

**A BILL TO ALLOW FELONS TO  
VOTE AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THEIR SENTENCE**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The government of the United States shall allow felons to vote in all states following the completion of their sentence

**SECTION 2.** Felon shall be defined as a criminal convicted of a serious crime.

Sentence shall be defined as the final explicit act of a judge-ruled process.

**SECTION 3.** The implementation of this legislation will be overseen by the Department of Justice

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Rep. Cameron Hardy  
Dallastown Area High School*

**A BILL TO UPHOLD THE VALUE OF EVERY AMERICAN'S VOTE**

- ARTICLE 1.** The Huntington-Hill method of apportionment is to be utilized as the method of apportionment of seats in the United States House of Representatives ("House") to the several states.
- ARTICLE 2.** The Huntington-Hill method of apportionment shall be defined by the following process: each state is automatically awarded one seat in the House. To apportion the remaining seats, states will be awarded additional seats based on the equation  $A_n = P / (\sqrt{n(n+1)})$ , where  $A_n$  represents the state's priority number in receiving the next available seat,  $P$  represents the population of the state, and  $n$  represents the number of seats in the House which the state already has been awarded; states with the highest priority number will be awarded seats first.
- ARTICLE 3.** The number of US Representatives shall be 435.
- Article 4.** Congressional districts shall be abolished in favor of states being apportioned a number of Representatives which they are to elect, as a whole, to the House of Representatives.
- ARTICLE 5.** A system of ranked choice voting shall be used in choosing US Senators, US Representatives, governors of the several states, and Electors for the President and Vice President of the United States.
- ARTICLE 6.** Ranked choice voting shall be defined by the following process: voters rank as many candidates as they please in order of choice. If any candidate reaches or passes the quota, which is defined as 100% divided by the number of seats which may be filled in that election, that candidate is awarded the seat, and their surplus votes are redistributed to the voter's next-choice candidate. The surplus votes are redistributed proportionally, such that each voter's next choice gets a fraction of a vote equivalent to the number of surplus votes for the candidate divided by the total number of votes for each respective next-choice candidate. If no candidates reach

the quota, or if the number of seats available aren't filled, then the candidate with the least number of votes is eliminated and their votes are redistributed to the voter's next choice candidate. This process repeats until all of the seats have been filled.

**ARTICLE 7.** If, by the federal election of 2018, any state has failed to adopt a ranked choice voting system for choosing their governor and Electors for the President and Vice President of the United States, that state will not receive any further federal funding until they do establish such a system.

**ARTICLE 8.** The execution of this bill will be overseen by the Election Assistance Commission.

**ARTICLE 9.** This bill shall become active upon the instance of its signature by the President of the United States of America.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Congressman Benjamin  
Danville Area Senior High School*

**A Resolution to Supply the Kurdish Militias to Fight ISIS**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. WHEREAS, The Kurdish militias are undersupplied and have been fighting ISIS
3. for their own survival; and
4. WHEREAS, The Kurdish militias are widely using old Soviet and Warsaw pact
5. weapons; and
6. WHEREAS, Russia is currently aligning themselves with the Kurds, allowing for
7. improved diplomatic relations between us in the long run; and,
8. WHEREAS, The Kurdish militias have been the best fighting militias against ISIS
9. so far; and therefore be it
10. RESOLVED The United States will supply Kurdish militias with firearms and
11. training to fight ISIS.

Respectfully Submitted for Debate By  
Nicholas Ciucci of Danville Area High School

A Resolution against the Sale of Arms to Saudi Arabia

Whereas: The State Department announced the potential sale of Military arms to Saudi Arabia

Whereas: and the sale of arms may harm innocent civilians and may fuel a regional arms race  
and;

Whereas: The sale of arms may also contribute to the killing of innocent Yemen citizens, as has occurred in the past and may be further perpetuated by an influx of weapons into the region.

Therefore: Be it resolved by the Congress assembled today that this legislative body vehemently disagrees with the proposed sale of weapons to the Saudi Arabian military by the United States State Department.

Respectfully Submitted for Congressional Debate,

Cameron Sauers of Notre Dame

**A RESOLUTION TO RELOCATE THE DETENTION CAMP AT THE GUANTANAMO BAY  
NAVAL FACILITY TO THE NATION OF ALBANIA**



1     **WHEREAS,** The Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility (hereby referred to as Guantanamo  
2                         Bay) incarcerates dangerous terrorists extremely close to the continental  
3                         United States and,

4     **WHEREAS,** Guantanamo Bay currently is a major detriment on the increasing diplomatic  
5                         relations with the nation of Cuba; and,

6     **WHEREAS,** the relocation process of former Guantanamo Bay detainees has been highly  
7                         successful when in the nation of Albania and also Albania has expressed interests  
8                         in relocating a large number of Guantanamo Bay detainees; and

9     **WHEREAS,** many human rights abuses in Guantanamo Bay are caused by outdated facilities  
11                         and training of military personnel

10    **RESOLVED,** By a majority of the Congress here assembled, that the United States close  
11                         Guantanamo Bay, create a treaty with the nation of Albania to allow the creation  
12                         of a modern, humane US military detention facility in Albania, and upon the  
13                         creation of this facility, create new training procedures for its staff.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Aiden McGahey  
St. Joseph's Preparatory School*



**A Bill To Give Japan Greater Military Autonomy**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States shall withdraw 70% of its active military personnel from its
3. Japanese bases, retaining essential functions and personnel. The United States
4. shall give \$1 billion in military aid to Japan, and work with Japan's self
5. defense forces to better protect against regional threats.
6. **SECTION 2.** "Active military personnel" is defined as members of the US Armed Forces
7. under the United States Forces Japan (USFJ) command.
8. **SECTION 3.** The removal of troops shall be carried out by the US Department of Defense,
9. through the USFJ and United States Pacific Command (USPACOM); the
10. military aid shall be carried out by the United States Agency for International
11. Development (USAID).
12. A. The Dept. of Defense and USFJ shall have absolute freedom in deciding
13. which bases to close and what personnel to remove, but shall retain essential
14. intelligence, command, advisory, and fast mobilization forces.
15. B. Any missile installations in Japan shall remain operational and staffed.
16. C. The withdrawal shall take place over 1 year after this bill's implementation.
17. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented after discussion with the Japanese
18. government, at least one year after its passage.
19. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Andrew Imredy  
St. Joseph's Preparatory School*

## A Resolution to Reform NATO to Ensure Mutual Defense

1. Whereas: NATO-affiliated nations are not contributing the 2% of their national budget
2. necessary to be a member of NATO; and
3. Whereas: This issue leaves a void in the ability for NATO to defend its member nations
4. adequately; and
5. Whereas: This hole in NATO's defense can allow for terrorist organizations such as ISIS
6. and Russia to breach NATO security.
7. Therefore, be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that: The United
8. States government should encourage NATO to collect the 2% that all member nations
9. should be contributing to its funds.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ryan Sheats  
Southern Lehigh HS

**A Resolution to Prevent Cell Phones from Being Used on the Road to Increase Safety**

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1 WHEREAS, Drivers are four times as likely to be involved with a car crash if they are  
2 using a cell phone; and

3 WHEREAS, This has led to over 1.5 million crashes annually caused by cell phone use  
4 alone; and

5 WHEREAS, Texting and driving has been increasing in frequency in recent years; and

6 WHEREAS, New drivers between the ages of 16 and 24 are more likely to be texting and  
7 driving; and

8 WHEREAS, Not all fifty (50) states prohibit the use of cell phones while driving.

9 THEREFORE, Be it resolved by this Congress here assembled that:

10 All fifty (50) states shall be encouraged to prohibit all cell phone use by  
11 drivers; and

12 Be it further resolved that states declining to prohibit cell phone use  
13 by drivers have their Federal Aid Highway Funding reduced by 25%.

*Introduced by*

*Southern Lehigh*

## 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

a

4 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.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*State College Area High School*

**A Resolution to Encourage Treaties for Land in Syria to  
End Tensions Between Turkey and the Kurds**

**WHEREAS**, Turkish and Kurdish forces have been initiating attacks against one another for land in Syria that was previously claimed by ISIS; and

**WHEREAS**, with American support, Turkish forces have entered areas of Syria under the control of the Kurds; and

**WHEREAS**, fighting will continue for land holdings in Syria, causing more instability in these areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kurds wish to create an autonomous region that was promised to them in the past by the United States in exchange for help to end terrorism; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Student Congress here assembled should support measures which actively support the creation of an autonomous Kurdistan.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Rep. Emma Poff  
York Catholic High School*

**A BILL TO REQUIRE UNIVERSAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR FIREARM PURCHASES**

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

**SECTION 1.** A universal background check National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) will be required for all firearm purchases taking place within the United States as well as all US Territories.

**SECTION 2.** Gun purchases are defined as “any exchange where ownership of a firearm is transferred from one individual or group to another individual or group.”

**SECTION 3.** Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) will oversee the implementation of this piece of legislation.

A. All citizens who are found to have made a purchase in a place other than a federally approved dealer or without a universal background check at the site of purchase will face fines up to \$10,000 USD and prison sentence of up to 2 years for the first offence.

B. A citizen who has repeatedly dodged such a background check will face a prison sentence of up to 10 years.

C. All firearms owners who have previously purchased a firearm without a universal background check using the National Instant Criminal Background Check System must do so by January 1, 2019.

D. Any firearms owners who do not submit to the background check outlined in Section 3 Sub Point C will be prosecuted based on the guidelines outlined in Section 3 Sub Points A and B.

**SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect 12 months after the time of its passage.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Shuhan Yin  
Unionville*