

A Bill to Ensure College Athletes Receive Monetary Compensation

1 **Section I:** To ensure that college athletes are getting paid by the NCAA:

2 A. The Department of Labor will track athletes earnings to make sure
3 they aren't being underpaid or unjustified

4 **Section II:** The term college athletes shall be defined as, any college student
5 participating in a college sport ran by the NCAA
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7 **Section III:** Determining athletes salary:

8 A. A 2.0 GPA or higher is needed to qualify for a salary

9 B. Salaries should range from \$2,500- \$25,000 depending on the
10 scholarship and financial aid received

11 C. Financial aid could be received depending upon the scholarship
12 received

13 **Section IV:** This bill shall be placed into effect January 1, 2018

14 **Section V:** All other laws in conflict with this policy are now considered null and
15 void
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Respectfully Submitted,
Senator Arnav Patel
Abington Heights High School

**A BILL TO LEGALIZE MARIJUANA IN THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

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

2 Article I: Recreational marijuana use shall no longer be considered a crime in the
3 United States and its accompanying territories.

4 Article II: Medical marijuana shall also be legalized across the United States and its
5 accompanying territories.

6 Article III: It shall be considered a crime if:

7 A. The person using is under 18 years of age (unless prescribed by a
8 doctor),

9 B. The person using is driving under the influence of the drug,

10 C. The drug is being used as a cover to traffic other illegal substances,

11 D. The drug is being consumed in a public setting,

12 E. And any person in possession of the drug has more than one (1) ounce
13 of the substance (unless prescribed by a doctor).

14 Article IV: This bill will go into effect on the first day of the year following passage
15 of the bill.

16 Article V: Cannabis dispensaries will hereby be taxed federally.

17 Article VI: The Department of the Treasury shall oversee the implementation of
18 Article V of this piece of legislation.

19 Article VII: The Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee the
20 implementation of Article II of this piece of legislation.

21 Article VIII: All other policies regarding marijuana that are in conflict with this new
22 policy are now considered null and void.

*Respectfully submitted,
Senator Jonsson
Abington Heights High School*

**A RESOLUTION TO MAKE POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION FREE FOR ALL
UNITED STATES CITIZENS**

1 **WHEREAS**, The United States needs to have 21 million skilled workers by 2020; and

2 **WHEREAS**, A lack of access to affordable secondary education is keeping us from
3 developing that skilled worker base; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Unfilled skilled jobs translates into damage to the economy in lost tax
5 revenue, and drains on social programs; and

6 **WHEREAS**, 62% of Americans state that the primary barrier to post-secondary
7 education is cost; now, therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled make the following
9 recommendation for making two years of post-secondary education, either
10 community college or technical school, free for all United States Citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

Academy at Palumbo

**A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A COMMISSION TO
RESEARCH THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

1 **WHEREAS**, Many public schools in the United States have many health and safety
2 issues due to lack of upkeep, lack of funding, and many other causes; and

3 **WHEREAS**, The health and safety of public schools is extremely inequitable, due to
4 inequity in resources between wealthy districts and poor districts; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Research shows that positive educational outcomes correlate with a safe
6 and healthy educational environment; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Equitable education is a core right that we have long established and
8 fought for; now, therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled make the following
10 recommendation for establishing a federal commission to determine the
11 health and safety of public schools across the country; and, be it

12 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a comprehensive analysis of the causes of health and
13 safety inequities be developed as a step towards eliminating such
14 inequities.

Respectfully submitted,

Academy at Palumbo

A BILL TO FORCE INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS TO COMPETE

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Internet service providers operating within the US are required to undergo
3 local loop unbundling.

4 **SECTION 2.** Local loop unbundling will be defined as leasing the last mile of
5 infrastructure to other internet service providers.

6 Internet service provider will be defined as an organization that provides
7 services accessing and using the Internet.

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

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented immediately following passage.

10 **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 FUND RESEARCH FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. The United States is to allot \$2 billion dollars to fund research on the disposal of hazardous wastes. This money will be split between one dozen private research facilities, who in turn shall provide weekly reports on their findings. The research provided would be beneficial to the environment and humanity.

Section 2. Hazardous Waste is defined as waste that poses substantial or potential threats to public health or the environment.

Section 3. The utilization of the piece of legislation will be overseen by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Section 4. This legislation will be implemented immediately after its passage.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Rep. Olivia Smeltzer

Dallastown Area High School

A Bill to Simplify the Tax Filing System in the United States

- 1 Section 1 No later than January 1, 2018, the Secretary of the Treasury of the
2 United States of America shall establish and operate the following
3 programs:
- 4 A) Tax Preparation Software: An online tax preparation and filing
5 software for the preparation of individual tax returns for
6 fiscal year 2018 and later.
 - 7 B) Taxpayer Data Access: A secure, online database from which
8 taxpayers may retrieve and download the data necessary to
9 complete their tax returns.
 - 10 C) Tax Return Preparation: A service in which the Secretary of
11 the Treasury furnishes tax returns using the appropriate
12 taxpayer data for taxpayers who opt-in to the service.
13 Taxpayers opting-in to the program must approve the tax
14 returns furnished for them before they are submitted to the
15 Internal Revenue Service.
- 16 Section 2 All of these programs are to be entirely free of charge and available
17 to all taxpayers.
- 18 Section 3 The Secretary of the Treasury shall be granted access to taxpayer
19 data required establish the programs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ethan Benjamin
Danville High School

**A RESOLUTION TO ELIMINATE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS
IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

1 Whereas, social security numbers were never intended to be the cornerstone of an individual's
2 financial identity, and
3 Whereas, an increasing number of Americans conduct financial transactions online and are required to
4 use their social security number to confirm their identify, and
5 Whereas, companies that store users' data on their servers are susceptible to cyberattacks that put
6 consumers sensitive financial information at risk, and
7 Whereas, once this information has been compromised, there is no current system in place for identity
8 restoration and replacement of individuals' social security number.
9 **Therefore, be it resolved by the Congress here assembled that the United States Social Security**
10 **Administration will phase out the use of the social security number as a means of identity**
11 **verification in favor of a more secure system to keep Americans financial information safe.**

Respectfully submitted for Congressional Debate by:
Danville High School Forensics Team

Government Provided Flu Shots for All Students

Be enacted by this Congress that:

Section 1: Since it is widely believed that vaccinations and specifically the flu vaccination are beneficial to help ensure better health specifically among children, the Federal Government will make available, free of charge, flu shots to any student only in the United States.

Section 2: Student is defined as a public school student in grades K-12.

Free of Charge: is defined as being paid for by the Federal Government as a block grant to the states.

Section 3: The Department of Education along with the Department of HHS (Health and Human Services) will manage this program. Their departments will also need to provide oversight to prevent corruption or theft. \$250 million shall be allocated from DOE budget.

Section 4: This act should be implemented within 90 days of becoming a law.

Section 5: All of the laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall be null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Nathalia Ulsh
Notre Dame High School

A BILL TO INVEST \$600B TO REBUILD OUR FAILING WATER SYSTEM

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The water infrastructure of the US, no longer considered acceptable, must
3 be rebuilt and upgraded to prevent further leaks and contamination.

4 **SECTION 2.** The water infrastructure of the United States includes dams, reservoirs,
5 water treatment plants, pipes, and pumping stations, along with any other
6 transportation method necessary to carry water for use nationwide.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be responsible for
8 overseeing the implementation of this bill.

9 A. The total money invested is \$600B in \$30B increments added to the
10 Federal Budget with each Fiscal Year (FY).

11 B. The money will then be allocated to regions determined to have the
12 most need for repair, as decided by the EPA in the manner with which
13 they see fit.

14 C. The money will be used to gather data on the status of the infra-
15 structure, and then by physically repairing the infrastructure gradually.

16 D. The \$30B at each FY Proposal can be taken from the military budget,
17 or any other budget exceeding its necessary amount in proportion to
18 the rest of the budget breakdown.

19 **SECTION 4.** This proposal will be implemented over a 20 year period, with the first
20 \$30 billion increment in FY 2019.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pennsbury High School

A BILL TO BAN THE USE OF SOLITARY CONFINEMENT

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The use of Solitary Confinement as a means of punishment for prisoners is
3 hereby banned in all fifty states and the territories of the United States of
4 America.

5 **SECTION 2.** Solitary Confinement shall be defined as the isolation of a prisoner in a
6 separate cell for long periods of time as a punishment.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Bureau of Prisons shall oversee the implementation of this
8 legislation and The Department of Justice has the authority to enforce this
9 legislation.

10 A. This legislation shall extend to privately owned prisons.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect 6 months after passage to allow ample
12 time for prisons, The Department of Justice, and the Federal Bureau of
13 Prisons to make necessary changes and create new rules.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pennsbury High School

A Resolution to Expand Nuclear Energy

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Climate change has been proven to be an imminent concern to the health
2 and well-being of U.S. citizens and a threat to the United States.
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The Fourth National Climate Assessment (2017) in conjunction with the
4 Global Change Research program has scientifically proven a direct link
5 exists between human emissions and climate change.
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Climate change has been shown to be mostly caused by greenhouse gas
7 emission causing a 'Greenhouse Effect'.
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Over a quarter of emissions directly come from electricity production.
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Nuclear energy has been shown to produce the least amount of
10 greenhouse gas emissions while being the most efficient energy source.
- 11 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation of
12 an increase in funding for nuclear energy and all facilities required for its
13 safe maintenance.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Patrick Adams of St. Joseph's Preparatory School

A Bill to Mandate Sexual Education to Benefit the Health of American Teens

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** All American public and charter schools are now required to teach
2 medically accurate sexual education courses in grades 6-12.

3 A. Abstinence-only sexual education will not be permitted in American
4 public and charter schools.

5 B. Sexual education for LGBTQ Americans will also be required.

6 **SECTION 2.** Sexual education is defined as education including emotional relations
7 and responsibilities, human sexual anatomy, sexual activity, sexual
8 reproduction, age of consent, reproductive health, reproductive rights,
9 safe sex, birth control and sexual abstinence.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human
11 Services will oversee the implementation of this bill.

12 A. All federal funds formerly allocated to sexual education including
13 abstinence-only sexual education will now be reallocated to this bill.

14 B. An additional \$50 million dollars will be allocated from the
15 discretionary funding portion of the FY 2018 budget for the
16 Department of Education.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented on July 1, 2018.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Aidan McGahey of St. Joseph's Preparatory School

A Bill to Incentivize Public Elementary Schools To Teach Foreign Languages

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Public elementary schools will be granted a monetary incentive of \$8,000 for
3. each 5th grade student who is proficient in either Spanish, Chinese, or German
4. on standardized testing in May of each school year.
5. **SECTION 2.** Standardized testing shall be defined as a two-day exam issued by the federal
6. government. The standardized test shall be known as the Foreign Language
7. Exam (FLE).
8. Proficiency in a foreign language shall be defined as the test taker earning at
9. least 80% on the given assessment.
10. The FLE shall be administered to all 5th grade students in participating schools
11. Participation in the FLE program is optional, based upon each school district.
12. **SECTION 3.** The implementation of this piece of legislation will be overseen by the United
13. States Department of Education. The Dept. of Education shall reallocate \$1
14. billion of funding for this bill.
15. **SECTION 4.** This piece of legislation will be implemented on September 1, 2018.
16. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by

Cameron Hines

Southern Lehigh High School

**A Bill to Impose an Embargo on the Country of Mauritania in Order to Promote
the Freedom of All People**

- 1 **Section 1:** The United States will impose economic sanctions on the Islamic
Republic
2 of Mauritania.
- 3 **Section 2:** The economic sanctions will include but will not be limited to preventing
4 United States companies from exporting to and importing from the
Islamic 5 Republic of Mauritania.
- 6 **Section 3:** The Department of State and the Department of Commerce will
enforce
7 this legislation.
- 8 **Section 4:** This legislation will go into effect on the 1st of October, 2018.
- 9 **Section 5:** All legislation in conflict will be declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Michael Grabusky

Southern Lehigh High School

State College Bill for Varsity Congress:

A Bill to Eradicate Corrupt Monetary Contributions to Nonprofit Institutions

Section 1. All U.S. organizations involving themselves in politics, both domestic and foreign, both State and National, must disclose all sources of income and any foreign affiliations of organization affiliates.

Section 2. *Organizations:* established entities consisting of 2 or more human members
Involving: Contributing money, providing consultation, or associating with elected officials/politicians
Politics: All activity falling under democratic proceedings in governance of the U.S.A.

Domestic: U.S.

Foreign: Not U.S.

State: All governance within the state, State governance, county governance, city governance, township governance, etc.

National: National government

Disclose: provide non-partisan government verification of to the public *Income:* Money, gifts, sexual favors, [], lack of required expenditure, given to organization or organization executives.

Foreign Affiliations: Political, business, personal ties to foreign political organizations or foreign businesses, international organizations or businesses with .

Organization affiliates: all people working within/for said organization

Political Purposes: All publicized politically charged messages as well as all politically charged events

Section 3. All information regarding donations to and by politically affiliated organizations must be made available to the public on the FEC website. Every year, current politically affiliated organizations must apply by April 15th (beginning in 2019) to renew their Certificate of Transparency. This Certificate confirms that all non-monetary income has been reported to, approved by, and published by the FEC for at least one year prior to the issuing of the Certificate; and this Certificate confirms that all monetary assets held by the politically affiliated organization have been reported to, approved by, and published by the FEC. All assets used for political purposes by politically affiliated organizations failing to apply for certification or not receiving certification status will be frozen until said organization has been certified or prosecuted. Once certified or prosecuted, the organization will be fined between \$500,000 to \$20,000,000 per violation; violations being defined as politically charged actions including donations, running political ads, hosting politically affiliated events (fundraisers, rallies, etc.).

Section 4. This bill will take effect on April 15th, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted for Congressional Debate by State College Area High School

A Bill to Adopt a Carbon Tax to Reduce Carbon Emissions

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 An initial tax of \$15 shall be collected for every metric ton of carbon dioxide emissions produced as a
2 result of commercially burning fuels. Every year after implementation, the tax shall rise by \$4.50 per
3 year until 2050, at which point the tax shall be \$150 per metric ton. Tax money collected from this
4 legislation shall be used to reduce federal income and payroll tax rates based on how much tax
5 money is collected, creating a “revenue neutral” carbon tax.
6 “Commercially” shall be defined as doing an action for profit. “Fuels” shall be defined as coal,
7 gasoline, diesel, propane, & natural gas.
8 The Environmental Protection Agency shall be responsible for the implementation and enforcement of
9 this legislation.
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11 The Environmental Protection Agency shall require commercial burners of fuel to track and report
12 their carbon emissions in metric tons, with violations resulting in a fine determined by the
13 Environmental Protection Agency.
14 B. The Environmental Protection Agency shall tax commercial burning of fuel
15 according to this legislation.
16 C. The Internal Revenue Service shall be responsible for determining the current
17 income and payroll tax based on the revenue gained from this legislation.
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19 This legislation shall be in effect by January 1st, 2020.
20 All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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*Respectfully Submitted for Congressional Debate by State
College Area High School*

THE YEMEN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2017

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall take the following actions to mediate the crisis in

3 Yemen:

4 A. Cease all arms sales to Saudi Arabia unless it is verified that they
5 are no longer intervening in the Yemeni civil war and terminate
6 their commercial blockade of United Nations aid.

7 B. Push for 5-way peace talks led by the United States and including
8 Iran, Saudi Arabia, Houthi rebels, and the Hadi-led government.

9 C. Increase cooperation with the United Nations to deploy \$500
10 million in humanitarian aid to the Yemeni people.

11 **SECTION 2.** Humanitarian aid shall be defined as aid aimed at preserving life and
12 restoring quality of life in Yemen, specifically through developing
13 infrastructure, improving sanitation and education, and providing
14 vaccinations, safe water, food, and medical supplies.

15 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense and Department of State will jointly oversee
16 the enforcement and implementation of Section 1A. The Department of
17 State shall oversee the implementation of Section 1B. The Department of
18 Defense and USAID shall work in conjunction with the United Nations to
19 implement Section 1C.

20 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Strath Haven High School

A BILL TO IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY TO AFFORDABLE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

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

2 **SECTION 1.** A. The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall, within 180 days of
3 enactment of this bill, issue regulations allowing wholesalers, licensed U.S.
4 Pharmacies, and individuals to import qualifying prescription drugs
5 manufactured at FDA-inspected facilities from certified Canadian sellers. After
6 two years, the Secretary shall have the authority to permit importation from
7 countries in the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
8 (OECD) that meet specified statutory or regulatory standards that are comparable
9 to U.S. standards.

10 B. The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall now have the appropriate
11 authority to negotiate pharmaceutical prices with on behalf of Medicare Part D.

12 C. “Pay for Delay” deals are now illegal.

13 **SECTION 2.** A. Certified foreign sellers are defined as firms that (1) have been in existence
14 for at least five years and has a purpose for existing other than for this program;
15 (2) if selling to an individual, does so only after receiving a valid prescription; (3)
16 can certify that the physical premises and data reporting procedures and licenses
17 are in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations in Canada, and has
18 implemented policies to monitor compliance; (4) conduct ongoing and
19 comprehensive quality assurance programs, including blind testing; (5) agree that
20 laboratories approved by the Secretary shall be used to test product samples; (6)
21 receive a certification from the Secretary of Health and Human Services that they
22 meet the above criteria, including any of the regulations determined by the
23 Secretary of Health and Human Services, and renew their certification every two
24 years.

25 B. Qualifying prescription drugs must have the same active ingredient(s), route
26 of administration, strength as drugs approved in the U.S, and exclude controlled
27 substances, anesthetic drugs inhaled during surgery, or compounded drugs.

28 C. “Pay for Delay” deals are defined as deals made between a pharmaceutical
29 company manufacturing brand-name pharmaceuticals and a generic
30 pharmaceutical competitor that delays the entrance of generic pharmaceuticals
31 into the market.

32 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee implementation of
33 this law.

34 A. Funds necessary to administer Section 1A shall come from an annual fee
35 paid by certified foreign sellers set by the Secretary of Health and Human
36 Services.

37 B. Non-compliance with the ban on “pay-for-delay” deals shall result in a fine
38 to be determined by the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

39 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Unionville High School

A BILL TO MAKE PUERTO RICO THE 51ST STATE

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. If this bill passes, Puerto Rico will no longer be a territory, but an official state of the United States of America. Puerto Rico will get all the same rights and duties any other current state has.

SECTION 2. An official state would be defined as having two Senators, and the proportional amount of House of Representatives to its population and a proportional amount of electoral college votes. When this bill is passed Puerto Rico will have a mandatory vote on whether or not they want to be a part of The United States of America.

SECTION 3. The Department of the Interior will manage and oversee the transformation of Puerto Rico into a state.

SECTION 4. This will be implemented at the start of 2020, in accordance with the 2020 census.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Upper Merion Area High School

A BILL TO ADJUST PURPLE HEART ELIGIBILITY TO INCLUDE VETERANS WITH PTSD

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States Federal Government will adjust the eligibility requirements to receive the Purple Heart award to include veterans who suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

SECTION 2. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, or PTSD, can be defined as a condition of persistent mental and emotional stress occurring as a result of injury or severe psychological shock.

SECTION 3. The United State Department of Veteran Affairs will oversee the enforcement of this bill alongside the Executive Branch and Department of Defense.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Emma Poff

York Catholic High School