

A Resolution to Reinforce the Fourteenth Amendment to Better support Minorities.

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States unfairly denies the rights guaranteed by the 14th
2 amendment to those of minorities, especially gender, sex, and racial groups.
3 This is shown racially through voter suppression, and the need for the Black
4 Lives Matter movement.
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Voter suppression makes it hard for certain individuals to vote.
6 The Black Lives Matter movement is an international activist movement,
7 originating in the African-American community, that campaigns against
8 violence and systemic racism towards black people.
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Both voter suppression, and the systemic racism in our country violates the
10 fourteenth amendment.
- 11 **WHEREAS,** We as a country should not have a fourteenth amendment if it only protects
12 the majority in the country, therefore
- 13 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make active efforts to help fix these
14 prolonged problems in the United States that enforce inequality, and be it
- 15 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the government will continuously try to solve these
16 problems of oppression.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln High School.

A Bill to Require Background Checks for all Purchases of Firearms to Reduce Violent Actions

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** A background check and NRA training course must be passed in order to
2 obtain a firearm from any source. Background checks will follow National
3 Procedure under the NCIS.

4 **SECTION 2.** A background check shall be defined as the completion of a 4473 Form to
5 the place of purchase. It shall then be run through the National Instant
6 Criminal Background Check System.

7 Source shall be defined as any gun show, private transaction, and any
8 Federal Firearms Licensed dealers.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Firearms, Tobacco, and Explosives will determine
10 the appropriate training course for the corresponding weapon; the National
11 Rifle Association and the Federal Bureau of Investigation will oversee the
12 implications of this bill.

13 **SECTION 4.** The bill will go into effect March 1

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Amanda Rau, Lincoln High School.

1. **A Bill to reform Copyright Policy**
2. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
3. SECTION 1. The USFG shall shorten the length of a copyright to ten years with two
4. possible renewals for a total of thirty years or shorter. However, if a copyright is wanted
5. one must opt in with a five dollar fee and if copyright is approved there will be a one
6. percent tax on profits. However, upon renewal the tax increases to five percent and on
7. the final renewal it increases to ten percent. If the author does not apply, does not
8. renew, dies or thirty years has past said object is released into the public domain.
9. SECTION 2. A copyright is a legal right to given to the author of an object to authorize
10. the use of others. Public domain is being available to the public as a whole.
11. SECTION 3. US Copyright office will oversee the change of policies.
12. SECTION 4. This bill will take effect by January first, 2020.
13. SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Ari Lohr

Wilson High School

A Bill to Abolish Capital Punishment

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** No person will be put to death as a form of punishment for convictions
2 under federal law.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Put to death implies the use of capital punishment
4 Capital punishment is when someone is put to death after they are convicted
5 of committing a capital crime.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall enforce this law by changing the maximum
7 punishment for any capital crimes to life in prison.
- 8 **SECTION 4.** No person shall be sentenced to capital punishment for a federal crime
9 committed after the passage of this bill.
- 10 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln High School.

A Bill to Prepare for the Cascadia Earthquake

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** This bill requires that FEMA create a plan and be responsible for setting up
2 an early earthquake warning system for the pacific northwest. It requires
3 the POTUS to establish an earthquake and tsunami task force to plan for,
4 mitigate, recover, and respond to the event of a large earthquake in the
5 Cascadia subduction zone. This bill also requires improvement in
6 seismometers in the area and infrastructure improvement as seen fit by the
7 earthquake and tsunami taskforce.

8 **SECTION 2.** FEMA is the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The Cascadia
9 Subduction Zone is the 1,000 km long dipping fault that stretches from
10 Northern Vancouver Island to Cape Mendocino California

11 **SECTION 3.** Senate - Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

12 **SECTION 4.** A plan must be developed and implemented no later than three months
13 after being made a law.

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

Written by Hood River Valley High School

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln High School

A Bill to Reform the School Year

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The USFG shall give 10 million more dollars more funding to states in
2. which schools are on a year round schedule.
3. **SECTION 2.** A school shall be defined as any public school funded by the US
4. Department of Education. The year Round School Year would be a cycle
5. of forty five days of school with 3 weeks off.
6. **SECTION 3.** Funding will come from some of the 25 billion dollars in the military budget
7. that went unspent in 2017.
8. **SECTION 4.** US Department of Education will oversee the change of, and
9. implementation of this policy.
10. **SECTION 5.** This bill will take effect by August 3, 2020.
11. **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Emma Koontz

Wilson High School

A Bill to Abolish the Tax on Feminine Hygiene Products

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** All states with a tax on feminine hygiene products must not apply tax
2 during the purchase of these items. These products would become exempt
3 from sales and use taxes.

4 **SECTION 2.** Feminine hygiene products shall be defined as such items including,
5 tampons, sanitary napkins, menstrual cups, and menstrual sponges
6 pertaining to a woman's menstrual cycle.

7 **SECTION 3.** Internal Revenue Service (IRS) at the federal level will oversee the
8 enforcement of the bill by drastically reducing federal funding to those
9 states that do not comply, redistributed the funding to the states that do
10 comply with this bill.

11 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect March 17th, 2018.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mei Xu, Lincoln High School.

A Bill to Increase the Age Limit of Those Able to Purchase and Operate Consumer Grade Fireworks

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** An age restriction shall be enacted to purchase and operate consumer
2 grade fireworks in all states.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** These fireworks will continue to be sold to and used by the general public,
4 but only to and in supervision of those twenty-one or older.
- 5 **SECTION 3.** The Consumer Product Safety Commission shall oversee these regulations.
6 a. They shall also work to promote firework safety.
- 7 **SECTION 4.** These regulations shall be in full enforcement by the start of January, 2020
- 8 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln High School.

A Bill to Ban Gas and Diesel Automobiles to Reduce Pollution and Climate Change

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All new automobiles shall use electric or another zero emission resource
- 2 rather than gas or diesel
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Automobiles include cars, motorcycles, trucks, and other land-based
- 4 transportation vehicles.
- 5 **SECTION 3.** U.S Department of Transportation shall oversee the implementation of this
- 6 bill by prohibiting the manufacture and sales of new carbon-emitting
- 7 automobiles.
- 8 **SECTION 4.** This law shall be implemented by 2030.
- 9 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln High School.

A Bill to Increase the Federal Tax on Gasoline to Reduce Carbon Emissions

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The federal tax on gasoline will increase by 10 cents per gallon.

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3 **SECTION 2.** The federal tax is defined as the 18.40 cent per gallon tax on retail gasoline by
4 federal government.

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6 **SECTION 3.** The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will oversee the
7 implementation of this bill.

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A. The revenue generated by the federal increase will go to the United States
9 Department of Energy to fund additional efforts to decrease the nation's
10 emissions of greenhouse gasses.

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12 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect at the state of fiscal year 2020.

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

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WRITTEN BY BELLEVUE HIGH SCHOOL.

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INTRODUCED FOR CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE BY WILSON HIGH SCHOOL.

A Bill for Justice Reinvestment

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1:** The United States Federal Government will allocate 1 billion dollars from
- 2 the Department of defense to a study in the Department of Justice to
- 3 lower recidivism rates
- 4 **SECTION 2:** Recidivism Rates shall be defined as: A measurement of the rate at which
- 5 offenders commit other crimes, either by arrest or conviction baselines,
- 6 after being released from incarceration.
- 7 **SECTION 3:** This bill will be overseen by Office of Management--the budget will be
- 8 overseen by the Department of defense and the Department of Justice
- 9 **SECTION 4:** This bill will go into effect no later than the date of January 1st, 2019.
- 10 **SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Ethan Eisner

Wilson High School

A Bill to Establish Mental Health Programs in Schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** All K-12 schools that receive public funding are now required to have
2 mental health programs that are accessible to all students. These programs
3 will ensure schools make appropriate accommodations for the mental
4 illnesses of their students, take steps to treat mental illness, and make
5 appropriate referrals to medical professionals if additional care is required.

6 **SECTION 2.** Mental illnesses include, but are not limited to: anxiety, behavioral, eating,
7 mood, and personality disorders as well as substance abuse issues. A school
8 is considered to have fulfilled the requirement of Section 1 when it provides
9 treatment or referrals and follows up regularly with the entirety of its student
10 body that requests the program's services each year.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and the National Institute of Mental Health will
12 oversee this piece of legislation.

13 A. If a school so chooses, they may receive help in the form of non-sectarian
14 resources or programs from community organizations that have a focus on
15 mental health.

16 **SECTION 4.** This law shall go into effect in the year 2019.

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

Written by Seattle Academy

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln High School

A Bill to Protect Muslims Refugees

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall prioritize Muslim refugees when applying for
2 asylum, refugee status, or permanent residence.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Refugee will be defined as a person who was forced to leave their country in
4 order to escape war, or persecution.
- 5 **SECTION 3.** U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services shall enact this bill.
- 6 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect immediately upon passing.
- 7 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sadie Nelson, from Lincoln High School.

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Revoke the President's Ability to Pardon

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

6 **ARTICLE -- SECTION 1:** The phrase in Article 2 Section 2 of the Constitution that reads “,
7 and he shall have Power to grant Reprieves and Pardons for Offences
8 against the United States, except in Cases of Impeachment” is hereby
9 revoked. The paragraph shall now end “...upon any Subject relating to the
10 Duties of their respective Offices.”

11 **SECTION 2:** The ability for the President to Pardon shall henceforth be declared null and
12 void.

13 **SECTION 3:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
14 legislation.

15 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** THAT THIS ASSEMBLY SHALL ENCOURAGE THE STATE LEGISLATURES TO AMEND THEIR STATE
16 CONSTITUTIONS TO REVOKE THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNORS' ABILITY TO PARDON.

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WRITTEN BY KINGSTON HIGH SCHOOL.

INTRODUCED FOR CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE BY WILSON HIGH SCHOOL.

A Bill to Increase the Federal Funds for Planned Parenthood.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government will increase funds for Planned
2 Parenthood to \$1,000,000,000 per year, free of restrictions.

3 **SECTION 2.** Planned Parenthood Federation of America Inc is a nonprofit organization
4 that provides reproductive health care in the United States and globally.
5 Restrictions implies that Planned Parenthood may use the funds towards
6 abortion.

7 **SECTION 3.** The federal Department of the Treasury shall oversee the implementation of
8 this bill by increasing federal funding for Planned Parenthood.

9 **SECTION 4.** This Bill will go into effect starting 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sadie Nelson, Lincoln High School.

A Bill to Abolish Prison Labor

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All prisons, private included, cannot practice involuntary prison labor.
- 2 **SECTION 2.** Prison will be defined as a facility in which inmates are forcibly confined
3 and denied a variety of freedoms under the authority of the state.
4 Private Prison will be defined as a private prison or for-profit prison is a
5 place in which individuals are physically confined or incarcerated by a third
6 party that is contracted by a government agency.
7 Prison Labor will be defined as a generic term for various kinds of unfree
8 labour which prisoners are required to perform, typically manual labour.
- 9 **SECTION 3.** The federal bureau of Prisons will oversee the implication of this bill.
- 10 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into place initially upon passing.
- 11 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sadie Nelson, from Lincoln High School.

A Resolution to Reform the United States' National Education System

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States' education system is continuously failing millions of
2 young adolescents and children;
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The United States is falling further behind in standardized test scores;
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Students are struggling to succeed in school and thus the national average
5 graduation rate is catastrophically low;
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Other countries, such as Finland, have vastly different education systems
7 and are flourishing in their graduation rates and standardized test scores;
8 therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled begin the effort to reform U.S.
10 education and better foster the growth of young children and adolescents.

Respectfully submitted,

Ari Lohr

Wilson High School

A Bill to Deregulate the Collection of Water

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** All states currently experiencing water shortages with severe to exceptional
2 Drought levels in over 10% of their land area will be required to remove restrictions
3 around the collection of rainwater and groundwater on private property.

4 **SECTION 2.** Let “Severe to Exceptional Drought Levels” be defined in the criteria set by the United
5 States Drought Monitor

6 **SECTION 3.** There will be a two year pilot program after the adoption of the bill in the states with the
7 aforementioned criteria.

8 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be enforced by the department each state has towards the regulation of water.

9 **SECTION 5.** Penalties for non-compliance include an allocation of \$10,000 towards state natural disaster
10 recovery programs in addition to all funds already allocated by the state, for every two
11 months said state does not comply.

12 **SECTION 6.** The two year trial period will commence with the adoption of this bill exactly three
13 months after its passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Glencoe High School

A Resolution to Authorize Direct Combat Against ISIL

1. WHEREAS the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) poses a clear threat to the
2. stability of the Iraqi and Syrian governments,
3. WHEREAS ISIL insurgents represent an obstacle towards humanitarian aid for
4. Syrian refugees for fear of mistakenly aiding potential terrorists,
5. WHEREAS United States airstrikes and support for the Iraqi government and Free
6. Syrian Army have proved ineffective towards halting ISIL expansion and action,
7. WHEREAS ISIL has recently reasserted itself as a global threat with attacks in
8. Paris, Beirut, Baghdad, and San Bernardino, among other locations,
9. WHEREAS these insurgents pose a danger to the national security of the United
10. States and to the safety of its citizens,
11. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Congress approves and supports the
12. determination of the President, as Commander in Chief, to take all necessary
13. measures to prevent any further aggression by ISIL;
14. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall expire when the President
15. determines the peace and security of the nation from ISIL is reasonably assured,
16. or when terminated by Congressional resolution.

Respectfully Submitted,
Senator Deven A. Bishnu
Westview High School

A Bill to Approve Keystone XL Construction

1. I. *Be it enacted by this congress assembled that* Phase IV of the Keystone XL oil
2. pipeline be authorized for construction.
3. II. Phase IV of the Keystone XL pipeline, a proposed route connecting Canadian oil
4. reserves in Hardisty, Alberta to the Steele City, Nebraska terminal via Baker,
5. Montana, is authorized for construction by TransCanada Corporation.
6. III. (a) The United States Department of State will oversee diplomatic
7. implementation of this bill on the American-Canadian border.
8. (b) The Surface Transportation Board of the United States Department of
9. Transportation will oversee construction and inspection of the pipeline within the
10. United States.
11. IV. This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.
12. V. All laws in conflict with this legislation are declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,
Senator Deven A. Bishnu
Westview High School

A Bill to Replace Presidential Debates with Oxford Debate

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** **A.** Be it enacted that two hundred million dollars shall be allocated for the
2 creation of the Department of Presidential Debates. This department shall
3 be responsible for the organization and execution of official presidential
4 debates.
- 5 **B.** The Department of Presidential Debates shall use Oxford-style debate,
6 with the utmost respect for the rules of the format, talking only during
7 designated periods, and general respect for opponents.
- 8 **C.** Up to 6 candidates shall be included in the debates
- 9 **SECTION 2.** **A.** Oxford-style debate shall be defined as a form of debate where a clear
10 resolution is given, and both candidates are given sufficient time to argue
11 their opinions on the resolution.
- 12 **B.** Candidates shall be chosen as the top 6 candidates in national polls.
- 13 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense shall oversee the implementation of this bill.
- 14 **SECTION 4.** This piece of legislation shall go into full effect on March 4th, 2017.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mount Vernon High School.

A Bill To Lower The Drinking Age To Eighteen

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1:** The United States Federal Government will lower the
2. minimum legal drinking age from 21 to 18.
3. **SECTION 2:** All alcoholic beverages currently legally available to 21 year
4. olds, including but not limited to beer, wine, and hard alcohol,
5. will be available for purchase and consumption by citizens
6. starting at 18 years of age.^[]_[SEP]
7. **SECTION 3:** This federal mandate will be enforced by state governments,
8. including local police departments. Failure to enact this law will
9. result in seizure of any liquor licensing of any establishment
10. found to be non-compliant by local government officials.^[]_[SEP]
12. **SECTION 4:** This bill will be enacted October 1st, 2018.^[]_[SEP]
13. **SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared
14. null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,
Senator KayLee Sullivan
Gresham High School

A Bill to Provide Access to Contraceptives to Public High School Students

1. Be it enacted by this Student Congress here assembled that:
2. **Article 1.** All public high schools shall be required to have contraceptives available to
3. the student body.
4. **Article 2.** The distribution of the contraceptives shall be at the discretion of the high
5. school, as long as the following, minimal conditions are met:
6. A) “Contraceptives” shall be defined as any accepted and medically approved form
7. of prevention against pregnancy and/or sexually transmitted infections and diseases.
8. B) “Available” will be defined as being easily accessible to students in a manner
9. that is free from financial or bureaucratic obstacles, and maintains privacy
10. **Article 3.** Schools will be required to implement this act upon the start of the academic
11. year following its passage.
12. **Article 4.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee the enforcement
13. of this bill. Any high schools that fail to meet the specified conditions of this bill
14. shall face potential loss of federal education funding.
15. **Article 5.** All other laws in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be declared null
16. and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Mountain View High School

BILL FOR THE PRIVATIZATION OF ORGAN SALES

1. **Article I:** The personal sale of individual's organs shall be
 2. legalized in the United States.
 3. **Article II:** sales will be the voluntary exchange of a
 4. person's healthy internal organ for a fixed compensation.
 5. a. Persons seeking to sell an organ would be screened and
 6. counseled for mental understanding of the risks and
 7. procedures.
 8. b. Persons seeking to sell an organ would also be required
 9. to undergo medical health screening, and make the
 10. results available to potential buyers on request.
 11. **Article III:** This bill shall take effect within six months of
 12. passage.
 13. **Article IV:** The offices of the Surgeon General will
 14. oversee the screening and regulation of this policy.
 15. **Article V:** All laws in conflict with this bill will hereby be
- declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Mountain View High School