

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,

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RESOLUTION

In the

Pennsylvania High School Speech League

by

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1 **WHEREAS,** The continuing prejudice against gender non-binary and gender
2 non-conforming individuals is still widespread, as seen in the countless acts of
3 harassment and hate crimes committed against them; and

4 **WHEREAS,** As a result, over 41 percent of trans men and women are estimated
5 to have attempted suicide — a rate that's nearly nine times as high as the rate of
6 cisgender Americans; and

7 **WHEREAS,** Many transgender people are physically assaulted in gender
8 specific bathrooms, suffering physical injury and emotional and psychological
9 damage; and

10 **WHEREAS,** In addition to the danger of suicide and self-harm, extreme
11 physical, emotional, and psychological distress interferes with a student's ability
12 to learn and perform successfully in school; and

13 **WHEREAS,** Forcing students to be identified by the bathroom they choose is
14 major source of the problem; now, therefore be it

15 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled make the following
16 recommendation for all public schools to have exclusively gender neutral
17 bathrooms.

A Resolution to Implement a National Green Bank to Fight Climate Change

1	WHEREAS, There has been major underinvesting into green
2	investments.
3	WHEREAS, The private sector needs to make bold investments or we
4	will see the detrimental effects of climate change.
5	WHEREAS, The impact of climate change will hurt stability around the
6	world; and
7	WHEREAS, A Green Bank's goal would distribute Treasury Bonds to
8	be used for green projects to lower emissions.
9	RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled make the
10	following resolution to recommend the issuance of \$10 billion in bonds
11	to the private sector to expand investments in: solar, wind, and clean
12	infrastructure projects.
13	FURTHER RESOLVED, The senate should pass strict standards on the
14	qualification of each board member of the Green Bank. The president and
15	his cabinet should work with the board to fund projects that would help
	tackle climate change.

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