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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Section 922 of Title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding the following: It
 3 shall be a crime to knowingly import, sell, manufacture, transfer, or possess a
 4 semiautomatic assault weapon (SAW) or large capacity ammunition feeding device
 5 (LCAFD). The above shall not apply to any current or retired law enforcement
 6 officer, including sworn campus law enforcement.

7 **SECTION 2.** A semiautomatic assault weapon means any repeating weapon that utilizes a
 8 portion of the energy of a firing cartridge to extract the fired cartridge case and
 9 chamber the next round; and requires a separate pull of the trigger to fire each
 10 cartridge. A large capacity ammunition feeding device is any accessory which has a
 11 capacity of more than 10 rounds of ammunition without requiring manual reloading
 12 of the weapon. These definitions shall not apply to any firearm that is permanently
 13 inoperable, an antique, or manually operated by bolt, pump, lever, or slide action.
 14 Any transfer or sale of any item listed above must be reported to the Bureau of
 15 Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms for registration and must be accompanied by a
 16 federal background check.

17 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall be required to track, and publically report, any
 18 crime involving a SAW, and shall indicate the make, model, and legal status of said
 19 SAW.

20 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect six months after passage.

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

Introduced by the National Speech & Debate Association; adapted from H.R. 5087, as introduced in the 115th Congress

The Twelve Carrier Act

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Navy shall expedite delivery of aircraft carriers in order to
3 bring the number of active craft to twelve.

4 **A.** Furthermore, an additional aircraft carrier shall be authorized every three
5 years.

6 **B.** Shock trials shall be conducted on the U.S.S. John F. Kennedy (CVN-79), as
7 initially proposed by the Navy, however, no such trials shall be conducted
8 on the U.S.S. Gerald R. Ford (CVN-78) in order to expedite its deployment.

9 **C.** Construction on the U.S.S. John F. Kennedy (CVN-79) shall be completed in
10 a single phase.

11 **D.** Future aircraft carriers shall retain the Ford-class carrier design.

12 **SECTION 2.** Shock trials are tests involving the use of explosives detonated alongside the
13 aircraft carrier in order to determine the durability of a particular carrier design.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense shall utilize current funding to secure procurement
15 of the additional aircraft carriers. The Secretary of Defense shall report to
16 Congress yearly on the status of all aircraft carriers and on compliance with
17 Section 1.

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

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

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Special Counsel Independence and Integrity Act

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A special counsel appointed by the Attorney General, or any other official
 3 appointed by the Attorney General who exercises a similar degree of
 4 independence from the normal Department of Justice chain of command, may
 5 be removed from office only by the personal action of an Attorney General who
 6 has been confirmed by the Senate, or, if the Attorney General is recused from
 7 the matter, the most senior Department of Justice official who has been
 8 confirmed by the Senate and is not recused from the matter.

9 **SECTION 2.** A special counsel or other appointed official may be removed only for
 10 misconduct, dereliction of duty, incapacity, conflict of interest, or other good
 11 cause, including violation of policies of the Department of Justice.

12 **SECTION 3.** If a special counsel or other appointed official is provided with written notice of
 13 removal, they shall have 10 days to file an appeal of removal. Such appeal shall
 14 be heard by a panel of three judges from a federal Court of Appeals. The
 15 decision of the judges may be appealed to the Supreme Court. If the judges or
 16 justices find that the removal of the counsel violates Section(s) 1 or 2, such
 17 removal shall not take place.

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

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

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End Corruption in the Northern Triangle Act

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this act, the Secretary of
 3 State shall submit to the appropriate committees of the both the House and Senate
 4 a strategy to enhance United States Efforts to dismantle systemic corruption in the
 5 Northern Triangle. The strategy shall include the following elements:

6 **A.** Enhanced cooperation with local prosecutors, revenue, and customs authorities
 7 of each Northern Triangle country regarding individuals within the Northern
 8 Triangle that are known violators of the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation
 9 Act, or the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act.

10 **B.** Exchange of information relevant to senior government officials in any of the
 11 • Northern Triangle countries that are known to have received campaign funds
 12 that are the proceeds of narco-trafficking or other illicit activities, or who are
 13 known to have facilitated acts of grand corruption.

14 **SECTION 2.** The Northern Triangle consists of the region of Central America that encompasses
 15 the countries of Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador.

16 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall make a report after an additional 90 days as to the total
 17 amount of foreign aid provided to each country under the Central America Regional
 18 Security Initiative since fiscal year 2008.

19 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on October 1, 2018.

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

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Women's Entrepreneurship and Empowerment Act of 2018

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. The Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 is amended in all sections and paragraphs by
3 striking "microenterprise" and inserting "micro, small and medium sized enterprise."

4 B. Section 251, paragraph 1, is amended by adding at the end before the period the
5 following: "and in the economic empowerment of the poor, especially women."

6 C. Section 251, paragraph 2, is amended by adding at the end before the period the
7 following: "particularly those enterprises owned, managed, and controlled by women."

8 **SECTION 2.** Section 252 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 is amended by adding at the end the
9 following: "(5) assistance for the purpose of promoting the economic empowerment of
10 women, including through increased access to financial resources and improving
11 property rights, inheritance rights, and other legal protections."

12 **SECTION 3.** The United States Agency for International Development shall develop an office to
13 support efforts to expand access to appropriate financial products and services. This
14 office shall be headed by a Director who shall possess technical expertise and ability to
15 offer leadership in the field of financial sector development. This Director shall be
16 appointed by the President, but shall not be subject to advice and consent of the
17 Senate. On a yearly basis, a report shall be made to Congress regarding information
18 regarding the amount of assistance provided under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961
19 with regard to efforts to reduce poverty among women through the use of loans to
20 micro, small, and medium sized enterprise.

21 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect six months after passage.

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

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