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To: All Participants in the Final Round Congress at
the New York City Invitational Debate and Speech Tournament

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Re: Immigration and Border Security Information

Immigration and Border Security have been at the forefront of the political discussions in recent years. The security of the southern border of the United States with Mexico and the treatment and status of undocumented migrants have become an urgent matter that needs to be addressed. There are a multitude of issues that may be addressed in any discussion of these topics. The focus, however, has been narrowed so that the participants in the Final Round Congress may devote meaningful time to three areas.

The participants in the Final Round Congress must address the following three pieces of legislation:

1. A Bill to Suspend Asylum Hearings to Stabilize the Southern Border
2. A Bill to Fully Fund a Wall on the Southern Border
3. A Resolution to Intervene at the Border

The text of the legislation is attached.

At this point, when discussing the three pieces of legislation, the participants in the Final Round Congress are advised of the following additional facts:

A large caravan of migrants has been traveling towards the southern border of the United States with Mexico. This caravan has been traveling through parts of South America and Central America, steadily increasing in size over time. Preliminary estimates are that the caravan size numbers in the high thousands. The pace of caravan has been accelerating recently, but this has resulted in a splintering with several main lead groups that has outpaced the remainder of the caravan.

Given its progress, the leading parts of the caravan will reach the southern border of the United States by next week. Through intelligence reports, the United States has received some chatter that parts of the caravan harbor some criminal elements. Based upon those initial intelligence assessments, the most likely criminal elements would appear to involve the drug cartels attempting to smuggle a substantial amount of narcotics into the United States. There is some skepticism that the drug cartels would use such an obvious method to smuggle drugs when other means will likely be more successful. U.S. intelligence is in the process of refining this assessment and attempting to develop other sources of information.

An additional updated report on the caravan and intelligence assessment is expected to be forthcoming by the end of next week.

A Bill to Suspend Asylum Hearings to Stabilize the Southern Border

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All hearings for asylum shall be suspended for the next six months. Any
3 hearing that were scheduled prior to the passage of this legislation will be
4 postponed indefinitely. New applications for asylum filed during the six-
5 month suspension period will not be scheduled for a hearing date until
6 after the suspension period has elapsed.

7 **SECTION 2.** An asylum seeker shall be defined as an individual who meets the
8 definition of a refugee, is already in the United States and is seeking
9 admission at a port of entry.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice, in conjunction with the Department of
11 Homeland Security, shall enforce the provisions of this legislation.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

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A Bill to Fully Fund a Wall on the Southern Border

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Funds originally allocated to the Department of Homeland Security will
3 be re-appropriated to build a wall along the Southern border of the
4 United States. The funds re-appropriated will be sufficient to cover the
5 full cost of building the Southern border wall.

6 **SECTION 2.** The Southern border is the border that exists between the United States
7 of America and the United Mexican States.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security will be in charge of overseeing this
9 legislation.

10 **SECTION 4.** This piece of legislation will go in to effect immediately.

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

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A Resolution to Intervene at the Border

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The current situation at the border calls for more federal intervention;
2 and
3 **WHEREAS,** The United States Military is uniquely suited to tackle the problem at
4 hand; and
5 **WHEREAS,** Under 18 USC Sec. 1385, or the Posse Comitatus Act, this Congress has
6 the authority to authorize use of military force for domestic matters
7 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled let it be known that we are willing and
8 able to use our power granted under the Posse Comitatus Act to approve
9 any and all military action ordered by the President of the United States
10 to address the border crisis.

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