



## Spring 2020 Item 1: A Bill to Implement a Firearm Owner Certification System to Decrease Gun Violence

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will institute a federal permitting  
3 system requiring firearm purchasers nationwide to meet guidelines  
4 established by law enforcement and healthcare professionals in order to  
5 be certified as being fit to purchase and/or possess firearms.

6 **SECTION 2.** Permits are assurances issued by a government authority allowing a  
7 licensee to buy, own, possess, or carry a firearm. Permits are specific to  
8 firearm types and subtypes established by US criminal justice code §921.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Firearm Owner Certification System would be overseen by the  
10 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

11 A. Guidelines for certification would be established by the Federal  
12 Bureau of Investigation (FBI) with cooperation from the Substance  
13 Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and  
14 National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS).

15 B. State agencies will create and administer a firearm safety test to  
16 certify applicants' knowledge of safe handling procedures.

17 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented by January 1, 2021

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jack C. Hays High School*



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## Spring 2020 Item 8: The Sahel Counterterrorism Action Reform (S.C.A.R.) Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** U.S. counter-terrorism operations in the Sahel region of Africa shall be  
3 restructured to prioritize regional development over military operations.

4 **SECTION 2.** Such reprioritization shall include the following reforms:

5 C. An additional \$500 million of developmental aid shall be distributed  
6 annually to the Sahel to fund regional healthcare infrastructure,  
7 education access, and refugee assistance programs.

8 D. Armed drone and troop deployments shall be significantly scaled back  
9 over the course of five years, with the remaining military presence  
10 focusing on surveillance, intelligence-gathering, and military training.

11 **SECTION 3.** USAID and the Department of Defense (DoD) shall be tasked with  
12 implementing this legislation.

13 A. USAID shall work with regional NGOs and U.N. agencies to distribute  
14 the aid under Section 2A.

15 B. The DoD shall submit an annual report to Congress for review  
16 detailing the state of ongoing military operations under Section 2B.

17 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect in FY 2021.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Clements High School*



## Spring 2020 Item 14: A Resolution to Recognize Hong Kong's Government

1     **WHEREAS,**     Hong Kong's civilians have sought political and economic independence  
2                     from the People's Republic China for years on end; and

3     **WHEREAS,** China is encroaching on Hong Kong's economic and legal autonomy as a  
4     global business hub; and

5     **WHEREAS,** China has restricted Hong Kong’s political freedom and silenced pro-  
6     democracy voices and organizations in the region; and

7     **WHEREAS,**     Protests by Hong Kong civilians against Chinese law enforcement have  
8                     grown increasingly violent on both sides over the years; and

9     **WHEREAS,** Hong Kong has no official political allies aiding them in their policy  
10           objectives; now, therefore, be it

11     **RESOLVED,**     By the Congress here assembled that the United States formally  
12                     acknowledge the independent government of Hong Kong and extend  
13                     political support to its civilians.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Saint Mary's Hall.*



## Spring 2020 Item 18: A Resolution to Remove US Troops from Afghanistan

- 1    **WHEREAS,**    There are 14,000 US troops within Afghanistan; and
- 2    **WHEREAS,**    US troops are being used as propaganda for the Taliban; and
- 3    **WHEREAS,**    Since the end of President Obama's final term to President Donald Trump
- 4                    current term, these administrations have promised to remove troops
- 5                    from Afghanistan; and
- 6    **WHEREAS,**    The War in Afghanistan has cost taxpayers \$45 billion dollars per year;
- 7                    and
- 8    **WHEREAS,**    8% of the half-million who served in Afghanistan and Iraq have been
- 9                    diagnosed with PTSD; now, therefore, be it
- 10   **RESOLVED,**   By the Congress here assembled that US troops will be removed from
- 11                    Afghanistan by January 1, 2021.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Plano Senior High School*