

Bill #802

A Bill to Regulate Marijuana in Such a Way Similar to Alcohol and Tobacco

1. Article 1: The United States will begin to regulate Recreational Marijuana
2. in a similar way as Alcohol and Tobacco.
3. Article 2: Recreational Marijuana will be defined as a drug used to alter
4. one's state of consciousness and not for medical usage.
5. Article 3: This bill will be instated on June 1st, 2020.
6. Article 4: The United States Department of Health and Human Services
7. will oversee enforcement of this bill.
8. Article 5: All laws in conflict with this new bill shall hereby be declared
9. nullified and void

Respectfully Submitted,

Senator Isaac Fenster, Yorktown Highschool

Bill #815

A bill to place price caps on drugs

- 1 Article I: Price caps must be placed on all drugs to ensure that people nationwide
2 will be able to afford the drugs they need.
- 3 Article II: A price cap is the most amount of money that a specific drug can be sold
4 for. This amount will be determined by the manufacturing cost of the
5 specific drugs.
- 6 Article III: This bill will be implemented on April 1, 2020
- 7 Article IV: The Department of Health and Human services will oversee the
8 implementation of this bill.
- 9 Article V: All laws in conflict with this bill shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janie Gallagher

Yorktown High School

Bill # 829

Bill to lift all tariffs on China

- 1 Article I: All U.S tariffs enacted upon China will be lifted.
- 2 Article II: Tariffs will be defined as all tariffs issued during the Trump Administration.
- 3 Article III: This bill will be enforced starting April 1st.
- 4 Article IV: The U.S. Customs and Border Protection will oversee the enforcement of this bill.
- 5 Article V: All laws in conflict with this bill shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Sebastian Robbins

Yorktown High School

Bill #963

A Bill To Implement Federal and State Gas Taxes

- 1 **Article I:** The current federal gasoline tax shall be raised from \$.18 cents
2 to \$.22 cents per gallon.
The federal gas tax shall be implemented in order to discourage
3 **Article II:** use of items
such as gasoline, and will be done gradually over a period of 4
4 years.
5 **Article III:** This bill shall go into effect on January 1st, 2021.
6 **Article IV:** The US Department of Energy shall oversee the enforcement of this
bill.
All laws that contradict or conflict with this bill shall hereby be
7 **Article V:** declared
8 null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Marium Khawaja
Potomac Falls High School

Resolution #964

A Resolution To Amend The Constitution To Stop Unlimited Campaign Spending

1 Whereas: Unlimited campaign spending has lead to representatives not
2 serving the interests of the american people; and
3 Whereas: Nearly all politicians need to gather large amounts
4 of capital to run a competitive campaign; and
5 Whereas: Foreign interests are able to abuse this monetary demand and
6 gain influence over the United States government by donating.
7 Therefore, Be it resolved by two-thirds of this Student Congress here assembled that: the
8 following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United
9 States, which shall be valid to all and purposes as part of the Constitution
10 when ratified by three-quarters of the several states within seven years
11 from the date of the submission hereof to the States by the Congress.

Article XXVIII

13 Section 1: Free speech shall not include campaign spending. All
14 spending and donations shall be limited equally for all candidates
15 Section 2: Congress shall have the power to enforce this
16 article through passage of legislation

Respectfully Submitted By,
Representative Peter Lipshultz

Potomac Falls High School

Bill # 965

A Bill to Mandate Universal Background Checks for all Firearm Sales

- 1 Article I: The United States will mandate that for all Firearm purchases
2 public or private, a background check must take place
- 3 Article II: A background check is a review of possible felonies
4 and misdemeanors a person has made in the past.
- 5 Article III: This bill will bill will also ban all violent offenders and individuals
6 On any government watchlist from purchasing a firearm.
7 This bill will be overseen and enforced by the Department of
8 Homeland Security
- 9 Article IV: All laws in conflict with this bill shall be hereby declared null
10 and void.

Respectfully Submitted,
Representative Luke Deeds

Potomac Falls High School

Bill #966

A Bill to Legalize Medicinal Marijuana

- 1 Article I: Medicinal marijuana will be legalized in all states and
2 districts of the United States.
- 3 Article II: “Medicinal marijuana” shall be defined as marijuana
4 that is prescribed by an individual’s licensed doctor.
- 5 Article III: Recreational marijuana will not be legalized.
- 6 Article IV: This bill will be enacted immediately upon passing.
- 7 Article V: The Food and Drug Administration will oversee the enforcement
8 of this bill, along with the specific enforcement mechanisms.
- 9 Article VI: All other laws that are in conflict with this legislation
10 are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By,
Representative Beatrix Regan

Potomac Falls High School

Bill #982

A Bill To Further Sanctions On Iran

1. Article I: Food and fuel sanctions on Iran will hereby be furthered and increased
2. by 50% in order to limit Iran's nuclear capabilities.
3. Article II: Nuclear capabilities are defined as having access to the resources
4. required to make nuclear weaponry and the knowledge and
5. technology to do so.
6. Article III: This bill will be implemented at the beginning of the second
7. quarter of this fiscal year on April 1st.
8. Article IV: The Office Of Foreign Assets Control which is an agency of the
9. U.S. Department of Treasury will oversee the implementation of
10. this bill.
11. Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
12. and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Amanda Sternitzke

Potomac Falls High School

Bill #989
A Bill to Create and Maintain a Drug Pricing Index

1. Article I: The U.S should create and maintain a drug pricing index based on
2. several economic domestic, and industrial factors
3. Article II: The pricing index will determine appropriate prices for all drugs using factors
4. such as economic value, demand, cost of production, potency, and cost of
5. innovation.
6. Article III: If companies charge more than what the allotted drug price for a certain drug
7. requires, the drug production company will be fined 25 percent of the
8. increase in cost.
9. Article IV: This bill will go into effect on May 1st 2020.
10. Article V: This bill will be enforced by the U.S Department of Health and Human
11. Services.
12. Article VI: All laws in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,
Representative Sanjula Chitty

Potomac Falls High School

Bill #1167

A Bill to Legalize Marijuana

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION I.** Marijuana shall hereby be legal to purchase, sell, manufacture, and
2. use in the United States, both recreationally and medicinally.
3. **SECTION II.** Marijuana, also known as cannabis, pot, or weed, shall hereby be
4. defined as a psychoactive drug consumed for recreational or
5. medicinal purposes.
6. **SECTION III.** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) shall oversee the
7. passage of this bill.
8. **A.** The FDA shall also oversee and enforce regulation on legalized
9. marijuana, including but not limited to an age limit for purchasing,
10. a federal tax on the sale of marijuana, and a doctor's prescription
11. for medicinal marijuana.
12. **SECTION IV.** This bill shall be implemented one month upon passage
13. **SECTION V.** All laws in conflict with this legislation shall hereby be declared
14. null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Divya Lobo of Dominion High School

Bill #1561
A Bill to Ban Semi-Automatic Weapons to Protect American Lives

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **ARTICLE I.** The manufacturing and sale of semi-automatic firearms shall henceforth be
3 banned in the United States of America.

4 **ARTICLE II.** Semi-automatic rifles shall be defined as any weapons in which a round is
5 automatically fired after a pull of the trigger and in which a round is
6 automatically reloaded using a spring mechanism with each pull of the trigger.

7 **ARTICLE III.** This legislation shall go into effect on January 1, 2021.

8 **ARTICLE IV.** The United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives shall
9 oversee the implementation of this legislation.

10 A. All necessary additional funding will be appropriate from the budget of the
11 Department of Defense.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Bharath Dileepkumar
Thomas Jefferson High School

Bill #1562
A Bill to Increase the Federal Minimum Wage to Benefit American Workers

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **ARTICLE I.** The federal minimum wage will increase up to \$15 per hour for covered
3 nonexempt employees working in the United States of America. The
4 minimum wage will henceforth be indexed to inflation using the
5 Consumer Price Index (CPI).

6 **ARTICLE II.** Steadily increased shall be defined as an increase to the federal minimum
7 wage of \$1.75 in the first fiscal year, followed by a \$1 increase every
8 subsequent year until the federal minimum wage is \$15.

9 **ARTICLE III.** This legislation shall go into effect in the fiscal year 2021.

10 **ARTICLE IV.** The United States Department of Labor shall oversee the implementation
11 of this legislation.

12 A. The Bureau of Labor Statistics shall be responsible for determining the
13 Consumer Price Index used for indexing the minimum wage to
14 inflation.

15 **ARTICLE V.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jay Siva

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

Bill #1563
**A Bill to End Military Support to Saudi Arabia to End the
Yemeni Conflict**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **ARTICLE I.** The United States will no longer provide arms and tactical intelligence to Saudi
3 Arabia.

4 **ARTICLE II.** Arms shall be defined as any instrument of war designed with the intent to harm
5 individuals. Tactical intelligence shall be defined as any information that can be
6 used to support war efforts in any way.

7 **ARTICLE III.** This legislation shall go into effect on October 1st, 2020.

8 **ARTICLE IV.** The Department of State shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

9 **ARTICLE V.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. John Lee

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

Bill #1564

A Bill to Reform the Immigration Process to Encourage Educated Immigrants

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 ARTICLE I. The United States will increase the budget by 1.2 billion dollars for the U.S.
2 Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and raise the immigration cap by 50,000
3 people to offer a merit based green card application.

4 ARTICLE II. USCIS will use this funding to streamline the immigration process, modernize
5 its utilities, and increase the amount of applications processed. A merit based green card
6 application will also be offered in addition to those of the status quo.

7 ARTICLE III. This legislation shall be implemented in FY 2021.

8 ARTICLE IV. The USCIS, under the Department of Homeland Security, will oversee the
9 enforcement of this bill.

10 ARTICLE V. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Medha Gupta

Thomas Jefferson High School

Resolution #1565
Resolution to Remove Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 to Promote Responsible Trade

1 **WHEREAS,** The current statue allows the president to bypass Congress and impose tariffs by
2 executive order; and

3 **WHEREAS,** The president has used the referenced section to impose irresponsible and
4 harmful tariffs; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Tariffs imposed by the president have hampered the economic growth of the
6 United States and trade partners; and

7 **WHEREAS,** The removal of Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 will allow
8 Congress to retain the right to regulate trade fairly; now

9 **THEREFORE,** Be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that: Section 232 of the
10 Trade Expansion Act and all current Section 232 tariffs be repealed.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Jonathan Hou

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

Bill #1566

A Bill to Remove Troops from Afghanistan

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **ARTICLE I.** The United States Government shall remove all US military presence from the
3 nation of Afghanistan.

4 **ARTICLE II.** US military presence shall be defined as the presence of combatants or support
5 staff of the Department of Defense, or technology operated by the Department of
6 Defense, not including American technology sold or given to the people of
7 Afghanistan.

8 **ARTICLE III.** US military presence will be phased out between Oct 1st 2020 and Oct 1st 2021 to
9 ensure a safe transition of power from the United States' forces to Afghanistan's
10 forces

11 **ARTICLE IV.** The Departments of Defense and State shall oversee the implementation of this
12 legislation

13 A. The Department of Defense shall oversee the removal of military presence

14 B. The Department of State shall oversee the negotiations and transition of
15 power to the government of Afghanistan

16 **ARTICLE V.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Nishad Manohar

Thomas Jefferson High School For Science and Technology

BILL #1567
A BILL TO ELIMINATE MANDATORY MINIMUMS TO
BRING JUSTICE BACK TO THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **ARTICLE I.** The U.S. shall eliminate all federal mandatory minimum sentences for all
3 non-violent drug crimes. All U.S. inmates currently serving time for a
4 non-violent drug crime shall continue to serve their originally designated
5 sentences.

6 **ARTICLE II.** Mandatory minimum sentences shall be defined as a predefined minimum
7 sentence for certain crimes. Non-violent drug crimes are considered
8 crimes that involve the possession or consumption of illegal substances
9 but are not inherently violent.

10 **ARTICLE III.** This legislation will go into effect immediately following its passing.

11 **ARTICLE IV.** The Department of Justice shall oversee the implementation of this
12 legislation.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Esha Karlekar

Thomas Jefferson High School

Bill #1568

A Bill to Remove all Monopolies in Technological Industries to Increase Economic Competition

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **ARTICLE I.** The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) shall investigate potential monopolies in
3 technological industries, including, but not limited to, Amazon, Facebook,
4 Alphabet Inc., Microsoft, Apple and Intel. The United States Department of
5 Justice (DOJ) Antitrust Division will cooperate with the FTC to prosecute said
6 monopolies and remove them from the marketplace.

7 **ARTICLE II.** A “monopoly” is defined as any corporate body that holds significant market
8 power over an industry and engages in conduct that disadvantages competitors.
9 The latter includes, but is not limited to, shifts in quality of services, vertical
10 integration into other lines of business and horizontal integration to increase
11 market share.

12 **ARTICLE III.** This legislation shall be implemented immediately upon passing.

13 **ARTICLE IV.** The FTC and the DOJ Anti-Trust Division will jointly implement this bill.

14 A. The FTC shall be provided 6 months for its investigation.

15 B. The DOJ Anti-Trust Division will formally register charges against potential
16 monopolies with the FTC upon the conclusion of the latter’s investigation.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Amey Gupta

Thomas Jefferson High School For Science and Technology

Bill #1569
A Bill to Cut Military Aid to Pakistan

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **ARTICLE I:** The United States shall cease sending military aid to Pakistan.
2. **ARTICLE II:** Military aid is defined as physical military equipment that can be used in
3. combat or in combat support operations, maintenance tools, training, or
4. monetary aid designated for purchasing military equipment.
5. **ARTICLE III:** This law shall go into effect 3 months following its passage.
6. **ARTICLE IV:** The Department of Defense shall oversee the implementation of this bill.
7. **ARTICLE V:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Aditya Kumar

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

BILL #1571

A BILL TO INCENTIVIZE MANDATORY VACCINATIONS TO BETTER AMERICA'S HEALTH

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 ARTICLE I: Any state which mandates full vaccination schedules for all children
3 enrolled in public education shall receive an addition 2% of funding in
4 support of primary or secondary education.

5 ARTICLE II: The list of required vaccinations shall be based on the immunization
6 schedule recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention
7 for the specified age level of the student.

8 A. The sincerely held philosophical and religious beliefs of the parent or
9 the student shall not be a defense to the provisions of this act.

10 B. The provisions of Section 1 shall not apply where a child is not
11 vaccinated upon the certification of a physician who certifies that the
12 student's health and physical condition would be endangered by such
13 vaccination, and that the physician has made such judgment by
14 conforming to the accepted standards of medical care.

15 ARTICLE III: This law shall go into effect on July 1st, 2022.

16 ARTICLE IV: The Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of
17 Education will both oversee the compliance with this act.

18 A. The additional funds needed as incentives for participating public
19 schools will be taken from the 2022 fiscal budget.

20 ARTICLE V. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Sen. Manu Onteeru

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

Bill #1571

A Bill to Implement a Universal Basic Income to Reduce Poverty

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **ARTICLE I.** \$1,000 per month shall be granted to every American citizen over the age of 18

3 in the United States in the form of a Universal Basic Income through an

4 electronic banking process. Funds for the UBI shall be provided by the

5 consolidation of the following welfare programs: Temporary Assistance for

6 Needy Families Program (TANF), USDA Nutrition Assistance Programs, and

7 Home Ownership Tax Expenditures. Additional funding, if necessary, shall be

8 provided by a 10% Value Added Tax.

9 **ARTICLE II.** A Universal Basic Income (UBI) shall be defined as a basic living stipend

10 delivered periodically to all on an individual basis. An electronic banking process

11 shall be defined as a form of banking in which funds are transferred through an

12 exchange of electronic signals rather than paper documents.

13 **ARTICLE III.** This legislation shall be implemented on January 1, 2021

14 **ARTICLE IV.** The United States Social Security Administration shall oversee the

15 implementation of this bill.

16 **ARTICLE V.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Samanvitha Dammalapati

Thomas Jefferson High School For Science and Technology

Resolution #1572

A Resolution to Remove Turkey from NATO

1. **Whereas:** Turkey has continued to combat Kurdish fighters in Syria; and
2. **Whereas:** Turkish actions have provided a hindrance in the combat against ISIS;
3. and
4. **Whereas:** Turkey has violated the human rights of the Turkish public, limiting their
5. freedom of expression.
6. **Therefore:** Be it resolved by the Student Congress here assembled that: The nation
7. of Turkey will be suspended from NATO, until further action is taken to
8. terminate combat against Kurdish fighters and uplift freedom of
9. expression.

Respectfully submitted,

Sen. Aarya Kumar

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

Bill #1573

A Bill to Decriminalize Marijuana

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **ARTICLE I.** This bill federally decriminalizes the recreational use of marijuana. The federal
3 government will allocate \$3 billion as states incentives to decriminalize
4 marijuana as well.

5 **ARTICLE II.** Decriminalize is to charge small, personal consumption amounts of marijuana
6 (up to 40 grams) with a small fine (up to \$100) and community service.
7 Marijuana is the dried leaves and flowers of Cannabis Sativa and Cannabis
8 Indica.

9 **ARTICLE III.** This bill will go into effect in FY 2021.

10 **ARTICLE IV.** This bill will be enforced by the Department of Justice and Department of Health
11 and human services.

12 A. The Department of Justice will allocate money to states to release people
13 serving time for small, personal consumption marijuana from federal and
14 state prisons (that have decriminalized marijuana) and have it wiped from
15 their record.

16 **ARTICLE V.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Vivikta Rao

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

Bill #1574

Bill To Mandate Federal Paid Leave

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **ARTICLE I.** The Federal Employee Paid Leave Act (FEPLA) shall be expanded to encompass
3 all federal workers. All federal workers shall receive a minimum of 12 weeks
4 paid parental leave period. Part-time federal workers shall receive paid parental
5 leave for a minimum of 6 weeks.

6 **ARTICLE II.** All federal workers shall be defined as all workers in U.S. government-related
7 positions beyond those covered by Title 5, including federal workers under Title
8 38, workers at the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), the Federal
9 Aviation Administration (FAA), and federal workers in Washington, D.C. Paid
10 parental leave shall be defined as financially compensated leave provided with
11 the birth of a child or the placement of a child for adoption or foster care.

12 **ARTICLE III.** This bill will go into effect on October 1st, 2020.

13 **ARTICLE IV.** The Department of Labor (DOL) will oversee implementation of this bill.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Rep. Lynn Tao

Thomas Jefferson High School For Science and Technology

Resolution #1575
A Resolution to Urge the President to Resume Negotiations to Re-Enter the JCPOA

- 1 **Whereas:** The United States has left the JCPOA (Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action) on
2 May 8, 2018; and
- 3 **Whereas:** More commonly known as the Iran deal, this legislation eased sanctions on Iran
4 in return for an end to their nuclear programs; and
- 5 **Whereas:** Leaving this deal will make it easier for Iran to acquire nuclear weapons as they
6 will no longer be under the watch of the International Atomic Agency.
- 7 **Therefore:** Be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that: Congress shall urge
8 the President to resume and renegotiate the Iran deal with other nations as soon
9 as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Kritarsh Negi
Thomas Jefferson High School

Bill #1576
**A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to End Partisan
Gerrymandering**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

ARTICLE -

SECTION I. Each contested state shall be required to establish an independent, non-partisan commission to determine congressional district boundaries.

SECTION II. A contested state shall be defined as a state with more than one representative to the United States House of Representatives.

SECTION III. Any state who does not maintain compliance shall be prohibited from having voting members in the United States House of Representatives or United States Senate until compliance is met. Members of these delegations may continue to carry out their other duties of office, but may not vote on any matter before the United States House of Representatives or United States Senate until compliance is met.

SECTION IV. Each state's commission shall also meet one of the following requirements:

A. The commission is made up of random citizens selected in a similar manner to jury selection; or

B. The commission is made up of independent, non-partisan redistricting experts; or

C. The commission is made up of a combination of citizens and experts discussed in subsections "A" and "B" respectively.

21 **SECTION V.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Liam Reaser

Thomas Jefferson High School (TJHSST)

Bill #1577

A Bill to Decrease Drug Prices

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **ARTICLE I.** Approved pharmaceutical drugs from Canada shall be allowed to be imported for
3 sale and use in the United States.

4 **ARTICLE II.** Approved pharmaceutical drugs shall be considered drugs from Canada approved
5 by the Food and Drug Administration for use and sale in the United States.

6 **ARTICLE III.** This legislation shall go into effect six months after its passage.

7 **ARTICLE IV.** The Food and Drug Administration shall oversee the implementation of this
8 legislation.

9 **ARTICLE V.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Anisha Talreja

Thomas Jefferson High School For Science and Technology

Resolution #1578
Easing Travel Restrictions Put in Place in Response to the COVID-19 Outbreak

- 1 **WHEREAS:** The USA has imposed strict travel restrictions as a result of the ongoing
2 Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak, an outbreak of respiratory
3 disease occurring primarily in China; and
4 **WHEREAS:** The WHO has previously stated it does not recommend such actions; and
5 **WHEREAS:** The travel restrictions have caused major disruption to the economy and all forms
6 of travel;
7 **WHEREAS:** Quarantine measures on the Diamond Princess have caused COVID-19 cases on
8 the ship to increase.
9 **THEREFORE:** Be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that: the United States
10 ease travel restrictions in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Spencer Zheng

Thomas Jefferson High School

Bill #1579

A Bill to Place a Tax on Carbon Emission

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **ARTICLE I.** The US shall implement a carbon tax of 50 dollars per metric ton of carbon
3 emitted at the source.

4 **ARTICLE II.** “Carbon Tax” shall be defined as a tax that is placed on all businesses that are
5 emitting carbon into the atmosphere through the burning of fossil fuels.

6 **ARTICLE III.** This legislation shall be implemented at the start of Fiscal Year 2021.

7 **ARTICLE IV.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Department of Energy (DOE), and
8 the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) shall oversee the implementation of this
9 legislation.

10 A. All revenue shall be given to the DOE’s budget for new renewable energy
11 research, development, and subsidization such as biofuel, hydrogen gas, and
12 tidal energy.

13 B. The Internal Revenue Service shall be in charge of enforcing the carbon tax
14 on all businesses emitting carbon.

15 C. The Environmental Protection Agency shall be in charge of providing
16 Congress an annual report on the effects this legislation is having on our
17 environment.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Soham Gandhi

Thomas Jefferson High School

Bill # 1581
A Bill to Give Aid to The Northern Triangle

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **ARTICLE I.** The US shall send 1 billion dollars to aid the Northern Triangle.

3 **ARTICLE II.** The Northern Triangle refers to the three Central American countries of Guatemala,
4 Honduras, and El Salvador.

5 **ARTICLE III.** This bill will be implemented following the end of fiscal year 2021.

6 **ARTICLE IV.** The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) shall oversee the
7 implementation of this bill.

8 **ARTICLE V.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rep. Praneeth Malyala

Thomas Jefferson High School

Bill #1582

A Bill to Make Community College Free

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **ARTICLE I.** The United States federal government will eliminate tuition costs for students at
3 community colleges.

4 **ARTICLE II.** Community college shall be defined as a nonresidential post-secondary
5 educational institution that grants certificates, diplomas, and associate degrees to
6 residents living in a particular area. Community colleges must also have open
7 enrollment policies.

8 **ARTICLE III.** This legislation shall be implemented on August 1, 2020.

9 **ARTICLE IV.** The Department of Education shall oversee the implementation of this
10 legislation.

11 **A.** The United States government will pay for the community college tuition
12 costs.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Hasita Nalluri

Thomas Jefferson High School For Science and Technology

Bill #1585

A Bill to Ban Private Prisons

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **ARTICLE I.** Federal private prisons will be banned in the United States. All current contracts
3 with third party organizations shall be terminated, and all current private prison
4 facilities shall be converted into public prison facilities.

5 **ARTICLE II.** Private prisons shall be defined as federal prisons in which individuals are
6 physically incarcerated or confined by a third party contracted by the
7 government.

8 **ARTICLE III.** Upon passage, this legislation will become effective on December 31, 2023.

9 **ARTICLE IV.** The Department of Justice and the Bureau of Prisons shall be responsible for the
10 implementation of this legislation.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Patrick Bai

Thomas Jefferson High School For Science and Technology

Bill #1586

A Bill to Increase University Accountability for Student Debt

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **ARTICLE I.** University eligibility for the Guaranteed Student Loan Program shall be
3 contingent on the Department of Education certifying that the following
4 conditions are met:

5 A. Universities provide students with a bona fide projection of lifetime student
6 loan payments.

7 B. Universities take financial responsibility for repayment of 50% of defaulted
8 loans.

9 **ARTICLE II.** The universities' "bona fide" projections shall signify that the institutions have
10 acted without intention to deceive students, or otherwise. A defaulted loan is the
11 result of a borrower failing to repay a loan according to the agreed upon terms,
12 generally resulting in legal action by the lender to retrieve lost money. The
13 Guaranteed Student Loan Program refers to loans provided through the William
14 D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program where the federal government compensates
15 private lenders if a borrower defaults on a loan.

16 **ARTICLE III.** This law shall go into effect three months following its passage.

17 **ARTICLE IV.** The Department of Education shall oversee the implementation of
18 this legislation.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Bill #1588

A Bill to Ban Felony Disenfranchisement

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **ARTICLE I.** Felony Disenfranchisement will become illegal, unless the convict has committed
3 a Capital Crime.

4 **ARTICLE II.** Felony disenfranchisement is defined as removing the right to vote and/or
5 become politically involved once convicted of a felony. A Capital Crime includes
6 those such as murder, treason, espionage, and terrorism.

7 **ARTICLE III.** This legislation will go into effect in the next six months.

8 **ARTICLE IV.** The Department of Justice will oversee the implementation and enforcement of
9 this legislation.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Niki Khare

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A Bill to Remove Party Affiliations from American Institutions

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The party affiliations of all federally elected officials will hereby be removed from all relevant federal property and documentation.

SECTION 2 A. “Party affiliations” shall be defined as any and all marks identifying political organizations that elected officials are affiliated with. This restriction will apply to “third parties” in addition to the two major parties.

B. “Relevant federal property” will include all congressional, judicial, and executive offices in which parties currently advertise their parties. This will include, but not be limited to: the cloakrooms of respective parties, offices of congressional officers, and any statues or monuments erected in remembrance of elected officials.

C. “Documentation” will be defined as any documents released by the federal government to citizens. This will include, but not be limited to: federal ballots, federal briefs released to the public, and any other documents created by officials under the oversight of the federal government and with the resources and time of the federal government which seek to propagate support for political groups.

SECTION 3. The Federal Election Commission (FEC) will oversee this legislation.

A. The FEC will receive a budgetary increase of five million US dollars to expand the agency and aid in the implementation of this legislation.

B. The FEC will have discretion to determine which artifacts or documents require party denominations in the interests of persevering the historic or cultural value of said objects.

Congresspersons will not be permitted to bypass the approval of the FEC under any circumstance.

SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect immediately after its passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Andrew Lichtblau

James W. Robinson, Jr. Secondary School

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Abolish Excessive Solitary Confinement

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 --**

7 **SECTION 1:** No inmate in any prison or jail within the jurisdiction in the
8 United States shall be confined alone in a cell without the
9 opportunity to see or speak to other persons for more than
10 fourteen (14) hours in one day. No individual under the age
11 of 18 shall be confined alone in a cell without the ability to
12 see or speak to other persons for more than four (4) hours
13 in one day.

14 **SECTION 2:** Any violation of Section 1 of this article shall be considered
15 an act of Cruel and Unusual Punishment under the 8th
16 article of amendment to the United States Constitution.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Kaitlyn Maher of The Potomac School.