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The Social Security Reform Act of 2020

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** When an individual in the United States who holds a Social Security
3 Account (SSA) reaches the age of 65, they will receive a one-time
4 payment of the total sum of their lifetime Social Security contributions,
5 adjusted for inflation.

6 **SECTION 2.** After receiving the one-time payment per Section 1 of this legislation, SSA
7 holders will not be entitled to any further Social Security benefits.

8 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall only apply to SSA holders who have not reached the
9 age of 18 prior to the passage of this legislation.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be enforced by the Social Security Administration.

11 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

12 **SECTION 6.** 42 U.S.C. Chapter 7 shall be amended to reflect the changes in this
13 legislation.

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The Student Loan Simplification Act of 2020

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All student loans provided by the United States federal government after
3 the passage of this legislation shall have an interest rate of 0%.

4 **(A)** “Student loans” are defined as any loan designed to help students pay for
5 post-secondary education and the associated fees, such as tuition, books
6 and supplies, and living expenses.

7 **SECTION 2.** This legislation shall be enforced by the Department of Education.

8 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

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The Animal Right to Life Act of 2020

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** No animal shelter may euthanize more than 10% of the animals that it
3 accepts into its shelter.

4 **(A)** An “Animal Shelter” is a facility that houses and disposes of homeless,
5 lost, or abandoned animals.

6 **SECTION 2.** The United States federal government shall provide subsidies to qualified
7 applicant animal shelters for the purpose of expanding physical space and
8 services for the animals they serve.

9 **(A)** A newly-created commission will be tasked with determining
10 qualifications for and recipients of these subsidies.

11 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be enforced by the Department of Agriculture.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect on September 1, 2020.

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The Auto Independence Act of 2020

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- WHEREAS,** Automobile accidents are one of the most avoidable and prevalent causes of death in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** Despite numerous safety campaigns, human error while operating motor vehicles continues to cause automobile accidents; and
- WHEREAS,** Recent developments in technology have only increased temptations for distracted driving; and
- WHEREAS,** Due to a lack of sufficiently accessible mass transit, many Americans, such as the elderly and the disabled, are unable to independently move about; and
- WHEREAS,** Self-driving automobiles, defined as automobiles that do not require direct human input beyond selection of destination, are the only known theoretical solution to all these problems. Now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States ought to pursue and fund research and development of self-driving automobiles, with the eventual goal of replacing all current road vehicles with self-driving ones.

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The Starting Allies Young Act of 2020

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Education shall facilitate the creation of a Committee
3 to promote education on the history of discrimination in all its forms in
4 the United States and how to prevent these practices in the future.

5 **SECTION 2.** This Committee shall consist of members from the National Governors
6 Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers, as well as
7 qualified educators as determined by the Department of Education.

8 **SECTION 3.** This Committee shall receive \$5 million in the Fiscal Year 2021 budget to
9 promote its work and research.

10 **SECTION 4.** This Committee, as a result of its findings, shall have the authority to
11 recommend changes to state policies related to the Common Core State
12 Standards Initiative.

13 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall go into effect at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2021.

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The Journalism Investment Act of 2020**The Journalism Investment Act of 2020**

- WHEREAS,** Local newspaper companies in cities across the United States have failed to maintain sustainable profit margins; and
- WHEREAS,** These companies have traditionally served the public good as the “watchdog” for corruption at all levels of government; and
- WHEREAS,** There is no comparable service available through private funding; and
- WHEREAS,** The ever-increasing dominance of national newspapers has led to a less diverse array of reports, opinions, and viewpoints to be shared in a meaningful manner; and
- WHEREAS,** It is in the best interest of the United States to have a well-informed citizenry.
- Now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States ought to allocate funds to local governments for the creation and maintenance of new and existing local independent news organizations.

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The Peace Promotion Act of 2020

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The President of the United States shall not have the authority to deploy ground troops into any of the following countries except under the conditions listed in Section 2 of this legislation:

(A) Afghanistan, Bahrain, Cyprus, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Northern Cyprus, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen.

SECTION 2. The President may deploy ground troops into the countries listed in Section 1(A) of this legislation under the following circumstances:

(A) In response to a direct attack on U.S. territory perpetrated by the government of or a terrorist group based in the country to be invaded.

(B) 2/3 of both chambers of Congress approves of a proposed invasion.

(C) The United Nations or NATO specifically requests the invasion.

SECTION 3. Any members of the United States Armed Forces currently based in any of the countries listed in Section 1(A) must receive a 2/3 vote from both chambers of Congress to remain there.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall go into effect immediately upon passage and will expire 10 years after the date of passage.

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

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The Prioritizing Pandemic Prevention Act of 2020

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any unobligated Federal
3 funds appropriated or otherwise made available to plan, develop, or
4 construct a physical barrier along the international border between the
5 United States and Mexico shall be immediately transferred to the
6 Department of Health and Human Services and the United States Agency
7 for International Development for the express purpose of combating
8 coronavirus disease (COVID–19).

9 **SECTION 2.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately.

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The Right to Housing Act of 2020

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All persons in the United States have the right to safe, decent, and
3 affordable housing.

4 (A) “Affordable housing” is defined as a living space that does not require residents
5 to spend over 30% of gross annual income on housing costs.

6 **SECTION 2.** States shall be responsible for providing the following services to individuals and
7 families in danger of experiencing homelessness:

8 (A) Payment of rent and utility arrearages.

9 (B) Legal support for persons facing eviction.

10 (C) Connection to services that would address factors that could lead to
11 homelessness.

12 **SECTION 3.** If the services provided per Section 2 of this legislation do not prevent an
13 individual or family from experiencing homelessness, states must provide
14 emergency accommodations to the following standards:

15 (A) To the extent feasible, emergency accommodations shall be in close proximity to
16 the community where the individuals and families reside.

17 (B) Children and families shall be provided with access to supportive services aimed
18 at placing them into permanent housing.

19 (C) There shall be no preconditions for access to accommodations.

20 (D) Emergency accommodations shall be in compliance with the federal Americans
21 with Disabilities Act of 1990.

22 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be enforced by the Department of Housing and Urban
23 Development.

24 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall go into effect on January 1, 2021.

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The Salary Integrity Act of 2020

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All companies based in the United States must keep a comprehensive record of
3 the following:

4 (A) Wage and benefit history of current and former employees.

5 (B) Legally acceptable justifications for compensation discrepancies between
6 employees with the same job classification.

7 **SECTION 2.** Companies must make this information available upon request to all current and
8 former employees and licensed attorneys representing current or former
9 employees.

10 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be enforced by the Equal Employment Opportunity
11 Commission.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect on January 1, 2022.

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