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A Bill to Enhance GMO Labels

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill eliminates loopholes in the 2016 GMO Labeling Bill. Specifically:

- 3 A. Labels must clearly display that the product contains GMOs. The use of a QR
4 Code to direct consumers to a website for additional information is not permitted.
- 5 B. All labeling exemptions by food type, including meat, eggs, and vegetable-based
6 oils, are eliminated.
- 7 C. All restaurants, food trucks, delis, and airline-food providers must declare the
8 contents of GMOs in their foods.

9 **SECTION 2.** A Genetically Modified Organism (GMO) is any plant, animal, or microorganism
10 whose genetic make-up has been modified in a laboratory using genetic engineering.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Food and Drug Administration will oversee the enforcement of this
12 legislation.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect Jan. 1, 2022.

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

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The Native American Infrastructure Bill

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Native American tribal communities will be provided with resources to develop
3 infrastructure for both investment in education and healthcare services.

4 **SECTION 2.** The following definitions will apply:

5 A. Healthcare services will be defined as both internal medical technology for existing
6 hospitals or other healthcare infrastructure and the development of emergency
7 equipment, such as medical transportation.

8 B. Native American tribe is defined in Section 4 of the Indian Self Determination and
9 Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C § 5304)

10 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Indian Affairs will work in conjunction with individual Native
11 American tribes, the Department of Education, and the Department of Health and Human
12 Services to implement this legislation.

13 A. The Department of Health and Human Services and respective Native American
14 tribes will be allocated \$2.75 billion for the development of healthcare infrastructure
15 and emergency service technology.

16 B. The Department of Education will work collaboratively with the Bureau of Indian
17 Affairs and allocate \$750 million toward investment in educational infrastructure and
18 resources.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect January 1, 2022.

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

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A Bill to Amend Section 230**A Bill to Amend Section 230**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Section 230 of the 1996 Communications Decency Act will be amended as
3 follows:

4 A. Liability protections will be eliminated for interactive computer services with over 1
5 million active monthly users or with annual revenues exceeding \$25 million.

6 B. Interactive computer services must take down illegal content immediately upon
7 notification by court order.

8 C. Interactive computer services must provide consumers with clearly labeled and
9 accessible complaint communication channels, such as phone and email, staffed 24
10 hours per day to be responsive to illegal content.

11 D. Interactive computer services must submit a quarterly transparency report regarding
12 their content moderation policies and procedures.

13 **SECTION 2.** Interactive computer services are any information services, systems, or access
14 software that provides or enables computer access by multiple users to a computer server,
15 including specifically services or systems that access the Internet.

16 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission will oversee enforcement of the legislation and
17 receive quarterly transparency reports.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect Jan. 1, 2022.

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

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A Resolution on Advertisements of Prescription Drugs

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1 **WHEREAS,** The advertisement of prescription drugs directly to consumers misinforms
2 patients by overemphasizing the benefits of prescription medicine and broadcasts purported
3 benefits to large audiences before long-term safety of the drug has been fully determined, often
4 leading to harmful over-medication; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Over 70% of surveyed physicians believe that prescription drug advertisements
6 have exaggerated the benefits of a drug, and 68% of surveyed physicians contend that
7 prescription drugs are advertised before the manufacturer can guarantee long-term safety; and

8 **WHEREAS,** The United States is one of only two countries where the advertisement of
9 prescription drugs is currently legal, leading to physicians prescribing drugs such as ADHD
10 medication an estimated 25 times more frequently than in the United Kingdom, where the
11 advertisement of prescription drugs is illegal; and

12 **WHEREAS,** The continued misinformation facilitated by prescription drug advertising is
13 endangering the safety of American patients, in addition to causing patients to second guess
14 their physicians' recommendations, causing harmful divides within medical communities; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation that
17 medical associations and drug companies regulate advertisements of prescription drugs.

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The Executive Transparency Act of 2021

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The following reforms shall be made to increase financial transparency within the
3 Executive Branch:

4 A. Both the President and Vice President must publicly disclose all tax returns.

5 B. The President and Vice President will place specific financial holdings which may
6 serve as direct conflicts of interest to the Executive Branch in a trust.

7 **SECTION 2.** A tax return will be defined as any annual statements revealing sources of
8 income, financial holdings, and interests, in particular foreign investments.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service will oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

10 A. Disputes about whether a financial holding is a conflict of interest, as stated in
11 Section 1b, will be resolved by an independent panel formed by the IRS.

12 B. Failure to provide full documentation of tax returns by the Executive Branch at the
13 time of taking office may be considered grounds for impeachment by Congress.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect January 20, 2025.

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

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A Resolution to Establish Full Parental Paid Leave

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- 1 **WHEREAS,** In the United States, there are not currently national paid-leave policies that
2 enable all parents, in particular male parents, to take time off work directly following the birth or
3 adoption of a child, putting pressure on the female parent to assume the majority of the stay-at-
4 home tasks involved with raising a young child; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** More than three quarters of American fathers return to work within one week of
6 the adoption or birth of their child, fearing they may lose their jobs if they do not; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The expected difference in leave from work leads to discrimination against
8 women in hiring processes, enabling corporations to avoid spending money on paid leave; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** In countries, such as Sweden, where there is an established paternal leave,
10 women earn up to 7% more than they do in countries without paternal leave, and fathers have
11 the opportunity to cultivate a better relationship with their child; now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation to all
13 states and territories to establish gender parity with universal parental paid leave laws.

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A Bill to Promote Open Elections

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will grant Less Economically Developed Countries (LEDCs),
3 who agree to utilize blockchain technology to increase the security of their elections, a
4 maximum of \$50 million per year in foreign aid.

5 **SECTION 2.** The following definitions will apply:

6 A. A Less Economically Developed Country will be defined as a country where average
7 incomes are below \$15,000 Purchasing Power Parity (PPP).

8 B. Blockchain technology will be defined as a cryptographic ledger which records inputs
9 and transactions and displays them publicly, often used in cryptocurrency
10 transactions.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State will oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

12 A. The Department of State will evaluate the quantity of aid to be allocated to each
13 country, not to exceed the maximum limit, in compliance with Section 1.

14 B. The Department of State will ensure blockchain technology has been in effect for
15 more than 2 years and utilized in at least one election before aid will be allocated.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

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A Resolution to Deploy Nuclear Weapons to American Allies in South East Asia

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1 **WHEREAS**, North Korea has amassed a large and dangerous quantity of nuclear weapons,
2 including intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs), that have a minimum range of
3 approximately 3,400 miles; and

4 **WHEREAS**, North Korea currently has between 30 and 40 nuclear weapons and have tested
5 their nuclear weapons multiple times since 2006; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Nuclear tests and the threat of future experimentation or attack puts the
7 sovereignty of surrounding nations at risk, as well as threatening global security and increasing
8 the likelihood of nuclear war by facilitating the escalation of tensions by ignoring international
9 law; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Kim Jong-un announced in January of 2021 that the North Korean government
11 would advance North Korean nuclear capabilities through the declaration of a plan to construct
12 submarine-launchable intercontinental ballistic missiles; now, therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation to the
14 Commander-in-Chief to deploy ultimate range ballistic missiles (URBMs) to American allies in
15 Asia, including, but not limited to, South Korea and Japan.

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A Resolution to Incorporate Computer Science into Core Curricula

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1 **WHEREAS**, Computer science courses such as coding and web development result in the
2 creation of many valuable technical skills with tremendous employment opportunities; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Fully-online and free course materials make such content accessible to students
4 all across the United States; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Many additional skills such as critical thinking and problem solving are enhanced
6 by computer science study; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Education standards are best left to individual states to consider and deploy;
8 therefore be it

9 **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation to the
10 individual states and territories to adopt computer science courses as a facet of their core
11 curricula.

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A Bill to Limit Travel to Curb the Spread of COVID-19 Variants

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All nonessential travel will hereby be banned from countries determined to be
3 high-risk for spreading COVID-19 and its fast-spreading variants. These countries may include
4 the United Kingdom, South Africa, and Denmark depending upon the progression and spread of
5 the variants and upon passage of this legislation.

6 **SECTION 2.** The COVID-19 variants will be defined as those that are found by scientists to be
7 more rapidly transmissible, such as the variant initially discovered in South England, that
8 transmits at a faster rate than the original strain of COVID-19 and has reproduction numbers
9 over 50% higher than current rates of infection.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will be advised by the Center for
11 Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to enforce this legislation.

12 A. The CDC will monitor global COVID-19 cases and the spread of the COVID-19
13 variants to determine which countries should be included in the ban of nonessential
14 travel in Section 1 or when said countries shall have the ban removed.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

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