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A Bill to Provide Land Acknowledgment

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1. A.** All government buildings shall include a land acknowledgement developed
3 through collaboration with local Indigenous groups, indicating the Indigenous
4 groups whose traditional homelands they inhabit.

5 **B.** U.S. Military Bases and Installations shall be exempt from this requirement.

6 **SECTION 2.** “Government building” shall be defined as any non-military structure funded by
7 the U.S. Federal Government or containing offices of federal, state, or local
8 government programs.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Executive Branch and the Bureau of Indian Affairs shall be responsible for the
10 implementation and enforcement of this legislation. Any government programs
11 which fail to comply with this regulation will have 10% of their operating budget
12 transferred to the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2022.

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

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Educational Balance Act of 2020**Educational Balance Act of 2020**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All Land-Grant Institutions within United States borders and territorial holdings
3 shall establish a cost- and requirement-free enrollment system for US Citizens
4 with Tribal membership. Students enrolled under this legislation may not be
5 charged room, board, activity, textbook, or any other fees by the Land-Grant
6 Institution.

7 **SECTION 2.** “Land-Grant Institution” shall be defined as any institution of higher education in
8 the United States designated by a state to receive the benefits of the Morrill Acts
9 of 1862 and 1890. “Tribal membership” shall be defined as enrollment in any
10 state-recognized or federally-recognized tribe.

11 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Education and the Bureau of Indian Affairs shall
12 be responsible for the joint implementation and enforcement of this legislation.

13 **A.** Institutions that fail to comply with this legislation shall not receive federal
14 funds for the following fiscal year.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1st, 2021.

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

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An Amendment to Restore Democracy

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

7 **ARTICLE –**

8 **SECTION 1:** All United States Territories shall be apportioned voting
9 Members in the House of Representatives based on
10 population. All entities currently granted non-voting
11 members in the House of Representatives shall now be
12 apportioned voting members by population. Each territory
13 and entity shall also be apportioned Electors equal to the
14 total number of voting Congressional Representatives.

15 **SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
16 appropriate legislation.

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A Bill to Provide for a Free Trade Agreement with the United Kingdom

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress will formally direct the federal government to immediately
3 begin negotiations on establishing a comprehensive free trade
4 agreement with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern
5 Ireland.

6 **SECTION 2.** In addition to completing the negotiations for this free trade agreement,
7 the federal government will be required to put policies in place that
8 stipulate that goods traded between the United States and member
9 states of the European Union pass through British ports on their way into
10 the United States.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Departments of State and Treasury will be responsible for overseeing
12 the implementation of this legislation.

13 **A.** The State Department will have until the end of the 2021 fiscal year
14 to present a completed free trade agreement to Congress for
15 passage.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will 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 Bill to Allow the Federal Government to Assume State and Local Debt Obligations

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A window period will be opened during which state and local
3 governments will be permitted to request that the Federal Government
4 assume debt obligations for state and local financing initiatives related to
5 infrastructure spending, social programs, and other funding needs.

6 **SECTION 2.** The window will be formally opened at the start of the 2021 fiscal year,
7 and end at the close of the 2022 fiscal year.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Treasury Department will be responsible for the implementation of
9 this legislation.

10 **A.** The Treasury Department will have the power to negotiate and
11 execute debt obligation agreements on a case-by-case basis with
12 respective government agencies that apply for debt financing.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect at the start of Fiscal Year 2021.

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

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A Bill to Establish a U.S. Belt and Road Initiative

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Federal Government will make available \$250 billion in funding for
3 the creation of the, “Pan-American Infrastructure Investment Initiative,”
4 or PAIII.

5 **SECTION 2.** Federal funds appropriated for PAI will be used to build an
6 interconnected infrastructure apparatus that will include, but not be
7 limited to, building roads, ports, energy grids, telecommunications
8 centers, airports, and other buildings used for commercial and trading
9 activities in the United States, Central America, South America, and the
10 Pacific Islands.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Departments of State and Treasury will be jointly responsible for the
12 implementation of PAIII.

13 **A.** The State Department will be responsible for working with foreign
14 governments in the pursuit of implementing PAIII.

15 **B.** The Treasury Department will be permitted to seek additional funding
16 from Congress as needed for the implementation of PAIII.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

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A Bill to Facilitate Protected Status for Hong Kong Residents

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Refugee status and Temporary Protected Status (TPS) shall be granted to Hong Kong
3 residents qualifying for the provisions under 8 U.S. Code § 1158 or 8 U.S. Code § 1254a.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Special Administrative Region of Hong Kong in the People's Republic of China shall
5 be designated a TPS-designated sovereign territorial entity for two years following
6 passage of this act. Hong Kong will be treated as independent from China when
7 considering quantitative limitations on entry criteria, such as visas.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security will oversee enforcement of this act and provide
9 semiannual reports to Congress on issuance of asylum and TPS status from Hong Kong.

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A Bill to Abolish ICE

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE) is abolished and replaced
3 with the Commission to Establish a Humane and Equitable System of Immigration.

4 **SECTION 2.** Essential functions of the Commission are as follows:

5 **A.** Determine the Status of Refugees and ensure all immigration centers comply with
6 Constitutional guidelines.

7 **B.** Identify appropriate methods to ensure that Federal employment does not
8 decrease with the abolition of ICE.

9 **C.** Offer recommendations to ensure all asylum requests to Federal agencies occur in
10 a prompt and timely manner.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Commission shall be composed of 17 members, who shall be appointed and
12 convene within 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, and shall be persons
13 who are qualified to serve on the Commission by virtue of their education, training,
14 activism or experience, particularly in the field of human rights, international law, and
15 constitutional protections.

16 (1) Two members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

17 (2) Two members shall be appointed by the House Minority Leader.

18 (3) Two members shall be appointed by the Senate Majority Leader.

19 (4) Two members shall be appointed by the Senate Minority Leader.

20 (5) Nine members shall be selected from the major civil society and immigrants'
21 rights organizations and individuals directly impacted by ICE practices.

22 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Resolution to Support an Independent Kurdistan

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- 1 **WHEREAS,** Turkey, Iran, and Iraq, have suppressed Kurdish language and culture, and engaged in
2 political and social discrimination against Kurds; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Thousands of Kurds have died over several decades during violent succession attempts,
4 yet Turkey, Iran, and Iraq heavily depend on economic output from the oil supply in the
5 Kurdistan geo-cultural region; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Persecution of Kurdish peoples has resulted in immense loss of life and of cultural
7 identity; now, therefore, be it
- 8 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled support creation of an independent Kurdistan nation-
9 state; and, be it
- 10 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Secretary of State is encouraged to work with various countries and
11 multilateral organizations to work toward the goal of Kurdish nationhood.

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A Bill to Establish Term Limits for Supreme Court Justices

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** [Chapter 1](#), 28 U.S.C, is amended by adding at the end the following:

3 **§ 7. Term limits.** The President shall, during the first and third years after a year
4 in which there is a Presidential election, nominate, and by and with the advice
5 and consent of the Senate, appoint one Justice of the Supreme Court.

6 **§ 8. Senior Justices. (a)** Except as provided in subsection (b), if there are more
7 than nine Justices on the Supreme Court after an appointed Justice is sworn into
8 office, the Justice who has served on the Supreme Court for the longest period
9 of time shall be deemed a Justice retired from regular active service under
10 section 371(b). **(b)** No Justice appointed before the date of enactment of this
11 Act shall be required to retire under subsection (a).

12 **§ 9. Waiver of advice and consent authority.** If the Senate does not exercise its
13 advice and consent authority with respect to a President's nominee to the
14 Supreme Court within 120 days after the nomination, the Senate shall be
15 deemed to have waived its advice and consent authority with respect to such
16 nominee, and the nominee shall be seated as a Justice of the Supreme Court.

17 **SECTION 2.** §371, 28 U.S.C. shall be amended to add: Any justice of the United States who
18 has served a total of 18 years as a justice shall be treated as a justice retired
19 from regular active service under this section, unless the justice is otherwise
20 eligible to retire as a result of a disability under section 372.

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A Bill to Establish Term Limits for Supreme Court Justices

21 **SECTION 3.** §294 of 28 U.S.C., is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
22 (1) When there is a vacancy on the Supreme Court, the retired Chief Justice or
23 Associate Justice who has most recently retired from active service shall be
24 designated and assigned to serve as a Justice until an appointment is made
25 under section 7 of this title. (2) If there is more than one vacancy on the
26 Supreme Court, the Senior Justice who has served in such capacity for the least
27 amount of time shall be designated and assigned to serve as a Justice by the
28 Chief Justice until each vacancy on the Supreme Court is filled.

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