

Bill #1405

A Bill to Shuffle and Restack the Deck in Favor of Tenants

- 1 Article I: No landlord in the United States and its territories may, upon the
2 expiration of a residential lease, increase the monthly rent by more than
3 three percent of the previous monthly rent for a lease renewal or a new
4 lease on the same property.
- 5 Article II: A residential lease is defined as a landlord-tenant contract which outlines
6 the terms under which the tenant agrees to rent and occupy a property
7 owned by the landlord.
- 8 Article III: This legislation will be implemented on January 1, 2022.
- 9 Article IV: The Department of Housing and Urban Development will oversee the
10 implementation of this legislation.
- 11 A. Any violations of Article I of this legislation may be submitted to the
12 Department of Housing and Urban Development through the formal
13 complaint process established under the Fair Housing Act of 1968.
- 14 Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Ben Bressette

Broad Run High School

Bill #1415

A Bill to Make America Safer

- 1 Article I: All future transfers of weapons between the police and the Department of
2 Defense shall be prohibited. The Defense Logistics Agency's Law
3 Enforcement Support Office shall be dissolved.
- 4 Article II: The 1033 program refers to the process established under 10 US Code
5 2576a, which allows the Department of Defense to transfer surplus
6 military equipment to civilian law enforcement.
- 7 Article III: This legislation will take effect on April 30th, 2021.
- 8 Article IV: Proper enforcement of this legislation shall be monitored by the
9 Government Accountability Office.
- 10 A. All affected shall be required to return their existing stock of military
11 equipment obtained through the 1033 program within one year of
12 passing, non-compliant jurisdictions will face indefinite suspension of
13 their Justice Assistance Grant funds.
- 14 Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaryan Kanhere

Broad Run High School

Resolution #1427

A Resolution to Form the China Proliferation Treaty Organization (CPTO)

- 1 Whereas: China will likely surpass American military superiority 2050 by having a
2 world-class military apparatus, especially in Asia; and
- 3 Whereas: Chinese military expansion will cause displacement of U.S. hegemony in
4 the region. Further, Chinese expansion of bases in key regions like
5 Djibouti will lead China to expand military operations abroad, control key
6 economic areas, and put off conventional outside force; and
- 7 Whereas: The U.S. must deal with Chinese military expansion not only to save
8 American hegemony in Asia, but on the world stage as well.
- 9 Therefore: Be it resolved that this Congress here assembled call on the President of
10 the United States to create the China Proliferation Treaty Organization,
11 which will be a treaty organization similar to NATO with the purpose of
12 stopping the Chinese military expansion through partnerships with other
13 countries that are U.S. partners and allies.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Rayaah Ahmed

Broad Run High School

Bill #1428
A Bill to Provide Medicare For All

- 1 Article I: The United States shall provide Medicare for all American citizens,
2 regardless of their age.
- 3 Article II: Medicare is a federal health insurance program offered to people 65 or
4 older.
- 5 Article III: This bill will be gradually implemented over a six-year period, beginning
6 during fiscal year 2022.
- 7 Article IV: The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the
8 enforcement of this legislation.
- 9 Article V: All laws in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Maryam Imran

Broad Run High School

Bill #963

A Bill For Veterans To Receive Pensions

- 1 **Article I:** Veterans honorably discharged from the military shall receive pensions.
- 2 **Article II:** A retirement pay plan, or a pension, shall be used to pay veterans. The
- 3 payment amount shall be based on factors such as mental/physical health,
- 4 amount of dependents, and time spent/position in the military.
- 5 **Article III:** This bill shall go into effect on January 1st, 2022.
- 6 **Article IV:** The US Department of Defense shall oversee the enforcement of this bill.
- 7 **Article V:** All laws that contradict or conflict with this bill shall hereby be declared null
- 8 and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Marium Khawaja

Potomac Falls High School

Resolution #966

A Resolution to Temporarily Distance from Armenia and Azerbaijan

- 1 Whereas: The states of Armenia and Azerbaijan have been in a
2 state of unrest and dissension for over 25 years; and
3 Whereas: Russia and other surrounding nations have declared themselves
4 as neutral mediators and peacekeepers; and
5 Whereas: Past ceasefires have proven ineffective in stopping
6 the conflict from continuing; and
7 Whereas: United States efforts to bring peace to Armenia and Azerbaijan
8 have not been effective and have caused internal conflict.
9 Therefore: Be in resolved by this student congress here assembled that:
10 the U.S. shall pull its influence from the Nagorno-Karabakh
11 conflict and all involved parties.

Respectfully Submitted By,
Representative Beatrix Regan

Potomac Falls High School

Bill #981

A Bill to Abolish the Existing US Criminal Justice System

- 1 **Article I:** Congress shall abolish the Prison Industrial Complex and
2 put an end to policing in order to reform our justice system entirely.
- 3 **Article II:** Abolishing is defined as to completely do away with an institution.
4 A. Replacing the Prison Complex with rehabilitative treatment
 programs, nordic style confinements, and adopting the use
 of restorative justice.
 B. Eliminating the Police System by substituting it with mental
 health experts and community supervisors.
- 5 **Article III:** The Department of Justice shall oversee the implementation of
6 this bill.
- 7 **Article IV:** This bill shall go into effect on January 1st, 2022
- 8 **Article V:** All other laws that are in conflict with this legislation are hereby
9 declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted by,
Representative Lily Jacobs

Potomac Falls High School

Resolution #982

A Resolution To Amend the Constitution to Abolish the Electoral College in favor of Ranked Choice Voting

1 Whereas: The electoral college often overlooks major demographics in our
2 nation and prevents third party challengers; and
3 Whereas: Several candidates in our nation's history have assumed the
4 presidency without winning the popular vote thereby ignoring the
5 wishes of the American populace; and
6 Whereas: The electoral college leads to a counterproductive system where
7 some Americans votes are seen as worth more than others, which is
8 counter to the values of our democracy.
9 Therefore: Be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that: the
10 following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of
11 the United States, which shall be valid to all intensive purposes as
12 part of the Constitution when ratified by three-quarters of the states
13 within seven years from the date of the submission hereof to the
14 States by the Congress.

Article XXVIII

16 Section 1: The Electoral College shall hereby be abolished in favor of
17 a ranked choice voting system.
18 Section 2: Congress shall have the power to enforce this article
19 through passage of this legislation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Representative Amanda Sternitzke

Potomac Falls High School

Bill #988

The R.E.S.T. Act

(The Resolution to Ending Student Tuition Debt)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **Article I:** All student loans will be granted a 20-year grace period for
2 post-graduate students.

3 **Article II:** The applicable loans under this bill include federal student loans,
4 private student loans, and student loan refinancing, the third of which
5 repayment schedules may only be issued after the set expiration date
6 of the 20-year grace period.

Article III: This will be implemented jointly by the Department of Treasury and
the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

9 **Article IV:** These changes are set to be implemented by January 6, 2021.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Representative Mimichelle Cao

Potomac Falls High School

Bill 989:
A Bill To Enforce Mandatory Covid Vaccinations

1. **Article I:** Covid Vaccinations will be required for all adult and children over the age
2. of 6 who does not have approved vaccination exemptions due to health
3. risks, age, and other such physician approved concerns.
4. **Article II:** Philosophical objections will not be an accepted reason as a
5. to stay unvaccinated.
6. **Article III:** All individuals who cannot provide documentation of vaccination without
7. granted exceptions after the allotted time period of 5 months after the
8. Covid -19 vaccine is available to the public will be fined \$100 per month
9. without vaccination.
11. **Article IV:** This bill will go into effect on April 2nd 2021.
12. **Article V:** This bill will be enforced by the U.S Department of Health and Human
Services.
13. **Article VI:** All laws in conflict with this bill shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Representative Sanjula Chitty

Potomac Falls High School

Resolution #2061

A Resolution to Reform the Election System

1 **Whereas:** The current election system consists of a useless commission, a flawed court descision, the destruction of popular vote,
2 and corporations ruling over which candidate wins; and

3 **Whereas:** By allowing the election system to continue as it is, we are stripping one of the most important rights of our citizens;
4 the right to vote; and

5 **Whereas:** Our election system has produced several disastrous results, such as:
6 the Super Political Action (Super PAC) creating court descision of Citizens United; and

7 **Whereas:** Subsequently led to the complete uselessness of the Federal Election Commission (FEC) due to changed finance laws; and

8 **Whereas:** Reduces public trust in the election system, due to several loopholes in financial regulations.

9 **Therefore:** Be it resolved by the Student Congress here assembled that: A constitutional amendment is passed to overturn Citizens United,
10 end Super PAC's by banning any organizations that accept unlimited contributions or do not disclose donors, abolishing the FEC
11 and replacing it with the Federal Election Administration (FEA), and pass mandatory financing laws for all federal elections.

*Respectfully Submitted By,
Nardos Mengesha
Lightridge High School*

Bill #2066

A Bill to Legalize Physician Assisted Suicide in All States

1 Article I: Physician Assisted Suicide, also known as Euthanasia, shall be legalized in
2 in hospitals for terminally ill patients per their request.

3 Article II: Physician assisted suicide is the action in which a patient voluntarily
4 undergoes this medical procedure if their illness contains no cure.

5 Article III: This law will go into effect on November 24, 2021.

6 Article IV: All assisted suicides shall be overseen by the The United States Department
of

7 Health before enactment.

8 Article V: The patients undergoing this process will administer their own drugs.

9 Article VI: All other laws that are in conflict with this legislation shall
10 hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Representative Sanjana Gummalla,

Lightridge High School

Bill #3076
A Bill To Mandate Universal Background Checks For
Purchasing a Firearm

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** Congress shall mandate universal background checks for any
2. person who intends to purchase a firearm.
3. **SECTION 2.** A universal background check in this proposition would
4. prevent an individual with a criminal record and/or
5. documented history of mental illness with the potential to
6. inflict harm to purchase a firearm.
7. **SECTION 3.** The Federal Bureau of Investigation oversees criminal
8. history records and therefore oversees this enforcement.
9. **SECTION 4.** The requirement of background checks will hereby be
10. implemented directly after authorization.
11. **SECTION 5.** All other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall
12. hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted to this chamber by
Representative Laurin Rosales
Of Woodgrove High School

RESEARCH

<https://timothydimoff.com/2020/12/17/say-yes-to-universal-background-checks-for-firearms/>
<https://www.rand.org/research/gun-policy/analysis/background-checks.html>

Bill #1168

A Bill to Reinstate the Iran Nuclear Deal

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION I.** The United States will rejoin the Joint Comprehensive Plan of
2. Action in conjunction with P5+1 and Iran.
3. **SECTION II.** The Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) was intended to
4. relieve sanctions on Iran, in exchange for the reduction of their
5. nuclear facilities and materials. P5+1 consists over the following
6. countries: China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the
7. United States.
8. **SECTION III.** The president and the US Senate shall work in conjunction with
9. the P5+1 to oversee the passage of this legislation.
10. **SECTION IV.** This bill shall be implemented immediately upon passage
11. **SECTION V.** All laws in conflict with this legislation shall hereby be declared
12. null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Kayley Sanchez Forbes of Dominion High School

A Bill to Guarantee Medicare

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

ARTICLE I. All legal residents in the United States shall be eligible to enroll in Medicare Part C and D plans, and employers shall also have the option to sponsor Medicare Part C and D plans for their employees. This expansion shall be funded by a wealth tax detailed in Article IV.

ARTICLE II. Medicare Part C and D plans shall be defined as the private health insurance plans currently approved by the Center for Medicare and Medicare to cover healthcare costs for beneficiaries in hospital, medical, and drug expenses. A wealth tax shall be defined as a tax on the net worth of households.

ARTICLE III. This legislation will be implemented FY 2023.

ARTICLE IV. The Department of Health and Human Services along with the Internal Revenue Service shall be responsible for the implementation of this legislation.

- A. Medicare Part C plans shall now be offered directly by the government, and no private company may receive governmental approval to offer these plans.
- B. A 2% wealth tax shall be levied on households whose net worth exceeds 50 million dollars, and an additional 1% surtax on household whose net worth exceeds 1 billion dollars.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Bai

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

Bill #3154

A Bill to Ban Fracking within the United States

1 Be it enacted,
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3 Article I: The United States shall ban any and all fracking activities
4 within its jurisdiction.
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6 Article II: Fracking is the process of injecting liquid at high pressure
7 into subterranean rocks, boreholes, etc. so as to force
8 open existing fissures and extract oil or gas.
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10 Article III: This bill will be implemented over the course of 12 months
11 starting April 2021.
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13 Article IV: The implementation of this this bill will be overseen and
14 enforced by the Environmental Protection agency.
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17 Article V: All laws and policies in conflict with new law are hereby
18 deemed null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nile Ahmad
Charles J. Colgan High School

Bill #802

A Bill to Reinstate the 2015 EU, Iran, and P5+1 Iran Nuclear Deal

1. Article 1: The United States of America will rejoin the 2015 Joint
2. Comprehensive Plan of Action with UN Security Council and
3. the European Union with the Islamic Republic of Iran.
4. Article 2: The Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action is an agreement to
5. decrease trade sanctions on the Islamic Republic of Iran with the
6. promise of limiting its nuclear program.
7. Article 3: The deal will be reinstated on April 1st, 2021.
8. Article 4: The State Department's Office of Treaty Affairs will oversee the
9. enforcement of this bill.
10. Article 5: All laws in conflict with this new bill shall hereby be declared
11. null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Senator Isaac Fenster
Yorktown High School

Bill #811

A Bill To Reinstate the FEC to its Former Status Pre-2010

1. Article I: The federal government will provide subsidies for the FEC in order to
2. adequately monitor election spending and the influx of dark money from
3. foreign entities or Super PACs.
4. Article II: The FEC is the Federal Election Commission, which is responsible for
5. federal campaign finance laws.
6. Article III: This subsidy will be implemented on October 1, 2021.
7. Article IV: The Department of Homeland Security and the FEC itself will oversee
8. the enforcement of this bill.
9. Article V: All laws in conflict with this bill shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Representative Jonathan R. Dorsey

Yorktown High School

Bill # 965

A Bill to Reform the American Tax System

- 1 **Article I:** This bill shall implement a 3% tax on wealth all
2 American taxpayers that have a net worth of over \$50 million
- 3 **Article II:** A wealth tax is defined as a tax of an entity's personal assets
- 4 **Article III:** This policy will be enacted on January 1st, 2022
- 5 **Article IV:** The Department of Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service
6 will oversee the implementation of this bill.
- 7 **Article V:** All other laws that are in conflict with this legislation
8 are declared null and void

Respectfully Submitted By,

Representative Luke Deeds
Potomac Falls High School

Bill #3169

A Bill to accelerate efforts in increasing COVID-19 vaccine accessibility in developing countries

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT
2. **ARTICLE 1.** The United States Government will co-sponsor the proposal of the
3. Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights Agreement(TRIPS)
4. to allow greater flexibility in manufacturing patented inventions to
5. fight the coronavirus.
6. **ARTICLE 2.** The Biden administration must rapidly support the TRIPS waiver so
7. countries that have been left to fend for themselves can quickly move
8. to manufacture technologies to save their people.
9. **ARTICLE 3.** This legislation will be enforced by the Department of Health and Human
10. Services(HHS).
11. **ARTICLE 4.** This legislation shall take effect April 1, 2021.
12. **ARTICLE 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Huda Abdulle

Charles J. Colgan Sr. High School

BILL #722

A bill to regulate money in politics

1. **Article 1** To reaffirm that Congress should have the authority to regulate money in politics.
2. **Article 2** this bill specifically addresses monetary donations to campaigns.
3. **Article 3** The act takes effect starting March 22, 2021 even if the Federal Election
4. Commission has not promulgated regulations to carry out the measure or its enforcement.
5. **Article 4** The Federal Election Commission, with assistance from the state in which the
6. offender resides will see to a placard measuring three feet by six feet being displayed on the
7. individual or establishment stating the pilfering of the offender(s) at the offender's expense
8. and the offender will give twice the amount of capital given to be donated to local homeless
9. shelters with the federal election commission's supervision. The shelters will be located in the
10. district(s) in which the election is taking place. This ensures that people are being
11. refranchised as voters with the capital that attempted to disenfranchise them.
12. **Article 5** Laws in conflict with this new policy shall be declared null and void, except for the
13. U.S. Constitution.

Respectfully Submitted,

Senator Caley Nee
Lake Braddock High School

1569

A Bill to Hold Israel Accountable

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

ARTICLE I. The United States shall withdraw all military aid and place sanctions on the State of Israel until Israel ends all human right violations against Palestinians, abides by international law and withdraws its settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

ARTICLE II. Human Rights Violations shall be defined according to the United Nation's International Human Rights Law.

- A. International Law shall be defined as the set of legal conventions, laws, and ordinances that are regulated by the International Law Commission, the International Court of Justice, and the United Nations.
- B. Military aid shall be defined as any foreign aid or assistance used to support a country in its defensive or offensive military efforts.
- C. Settlements shall be defined as the Israeli's colonization of territories in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, which are built in violation of international laws.

ARTICLE III. This legislation will take effect on January 2022.

ARTICLE IV. The US Department of the Treasury and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

- A. The US Department of the Treasury shall enforce and administer economic sanctions against Israel.
- B. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) shall withdraw all military aid dedicated to Israel and allocate it towards the United States Federal Budget.

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 #1167

A Resolution to Encourage Defunding the Police

1. **WHEREAS,** ineffective reform has resulted in an unchecked policing,
2. and a lack of internal accountability; and
3. **WHEREAS,** police brutality disproportionality affects Black individuals; and
4. **WHEREAS,** nationally, over \$100 billion has been allocated to the police and
5. individual cities often spend an approximate 33% of their general
6. funds on funding the police; and
7. **WHEREAS,** decreasing the funding that currently goes to police departments
8. would allow capital to be awarded to other under-funded social
9. services; now, therefore be it
10. **RESOLVED,** By this Student Congress here assembled that: the recommendation
11. to defund the police be made and the excess capital is redistributed
12. to other social services.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Divya Lobo of Dominion High School

1566

A Resolution to Create a Free Trade Agreement with China

WHEREAS, The economic relationship between the United States and China is now in a very tenuous state; and

WHEREAS, Billions of dollars of imports and exports are currently under high tariffs due to a trade war between the two nations; and

WHEREAS, The economic impact of the recent trade war has reduced growth of both the United States and Chinese economies; and

WHEREAS, This economic burden has often fell upon the most vulnerable Americans in times of unprecedented hardship and suffering; now, therefore, be it

THEREFORE, Be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that: a formal recommendation be made to the President of the United States and the United States Trade Representative that the United States enter into good faith negotiations with the People's Republic of China for a free trade agreement between the two nations.

Respectfully submitted,

Bharath Dileepkumar

Thomas Jefferson High School

1565

A Bill to Place a Tax on Carbon Emission

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

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

ARTICLE III. This legislation shall be implemented at the start of Fiscal Year 2022.

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

- A. All revenue shall be given to the DOE’s budget for the research of new renewable energy sources.
- B. The IRS shall enforce the carbon tax on all businesses emitting carbon through the burning of fossil fuels.
- C. The EPA shall provide Congress an annual report on the effects this legislation is having on the environment.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Soham Gandhi

Thomas Jefferson High School

1577

A Bill to Prohibit Payroll Tax Holidays

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

ARTICLE I. Except through a subsequent act of Congress, no reduction or suspension of the payroll tax shall be permitted through executive action or regulation by an executive agency.

ARTICLE II. A payroll tax is defined as tax withheld from an employee's salary, wages, or tips by an employer who remits it to the government on their behalf. This tax traditionally funds Medicare, Social Security, and federal unemployment programs.

ARTICLE III. This shall take effect immediately upon passage

ARTICLE IV. The Internal Revenue Service shall oversee the implementation of this legislation and shall determine necessary repayments.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Vivian Gao

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

#1568

A Bill to Implement a Universal Basic Income

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

ARTICLE I. The United States shall provide a \$1,000 monthly stipend to all citizens over the age of 18.

ARTICLE II. Recipients shall not include any felons or unbanked citizens. Any citizen that travels abroad for over 60 days will have monthly payments suspended until they return.

ARTICLE III. This legislation will take effect at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2022.

ARTICLE IV. The Department of Health and Human Services, Internal Revenue Service, and Department of the Treasury will all be in charge of implementation.

- A. The Department of Health and Human Services will be responsible for distributing the stipend.
- B. The Internal Revenue Service will collect a 10% Value Added Tax (excluding basic amenities like groceries and clothing) to fund this legislation.
- C. The Department of the Treasury will cover any remaining costs that aren't paid for through the Value Added Tax.

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

Respectfully submitted,

William Gutiérrez

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

Bill #3174

A Bill to Enact Economic and Military Sanctions Upon the Republic of India

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 ARTICLE I. The United States will officially enact economic and military sanctions
3 upon the Republic of India by ceasing U.S. assistance to India except in
4 regards to humanitarian aid and by halting any and all U.S. arms sales to
5 the nation until the Armed Forces Special Powers Act is revoked and
6 human rights abuses in Kashmir have proven to have ceased.

7 ARTICLE II. Kashmir is defined as a formerly autonomous region divided between
8 Pakistan and India; The Armed Forces Special Powers Act is a piece of
9 Indian legislation which provides protection and legal immunity for all
10 members of the Indian Armed Forces to act in whatever way deemed
11 necessary, no matter the severity of the action.

12 ARTICLE III. Both the United States Department of Treasury and the Department of
13 Defense will oversee the implementation of this bill.

14 A. The United States Department of Treasury will oversee economic
15 sanctions.

16 B. The United States Department of Defense will oversee the cessation of
17 arms sales.

18 ARTICLE IV. This legislation will be enacted immediately upon its passage.

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

Respectfully submitted for congressional debate,

Senator Davis Sheren

Charles J. Colgan, Sr. High School

#1574

A Bill to Tax Automation to Save Jobs

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

ARTICLE I. An additional 15% corporate tax shall be placed on any business utilizing automated technology to replace workers. The funds from the tax will be used to provide job training for affected workers.

ARTICLE II. Automated technology is defined as any technology that can complete a task or process without human supervision or intervention. This can include artificial intelligence, robots, interactive kiosks, etc. Job training provided by the US Government involves administering STEM education to displaced workers.

ARTICLE III. This legislation will go into effect at the start of fiscal year 2022.

ARTICLE IV. The Department of Labor and the Department of Treasury will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Niki Khare

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

A Resolution to Remove Turkey from NATO

WHEREAS, Turkey has continued to combat Kurdish fighters in Syria; and

WHEREAS, Turkish actions have provided a hindrance in the combat against ISIS; and

WHEREAS, Turkey has violated the human rights of the Turkish public, limiting their
freedom of expression.

THEREFORE, Be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that: The nation
of Turkey will be suspended from NATO, until further action is taken to
terminate combat against Kurdish fighters and uplift freedom of
expression.

Respectfully submitted,

Aarya Kumar

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

1563

**A Resolution to Recommend the Senate to Ratify UNCLOS to
Validate Claims to Economic Exclusion Zones**

WHEREAS, The United States has not ratified the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Seas (UNCLOS) and as such, does not have any internationally recognized Economic Exclusion Zones; and

WHEREAS, Due to this fact Foreign Nations do not respect American claims to Economic Exclusion Zones, threatening American Sovereignty; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Sailors could compete with Foreign Sailors in what should be American waters; now, therefore, be it

THEREFORE, Be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that: the Congress shall recommend the Senate to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Seas; and

THEREFORE, Be it further resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that: the United States Government should, upon ratification, oversee diplomatic and military efforts to enforce these economic claims

Respectfully submitted,

Nishad Manohar

Thomas Jefferson High School

Bill # 2101

A Bill To Impose a Value-Added Tax

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS ASSEMBLED HERE THAT:
2. **SECTION 1:** The United States shall impose a 5% Value-Added Tax on most goods and
3. services and use up to a total of 200 billion dollars annually to expand
4. SNAP Program, the Child Tax Credit, Medicaid, and towards climate change.
5. **SECTION 2:** Most goods and services do not include food, children's clothing, primary and
6. secondary education, home energy, medicine, and services provided by non-
7. profit and government agencies.
8. **SECTION 3:** This legislation will be carried out by the United States Department of
9. Treasury.
10. **A.** The Department of Treasury will be provided an additional 1.25 Billion
11. Dollars a year in funding as long as this legislation is in effect.
12. **SECTION 4:** This legislation shall be implemented on September 1, 2021.
13. **SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by

Sen/Rep Gupta

Rock Ridge High School

Bill #2305
A Bill to Establish Policies Regarding Climate Change Crisis

Be it enacted by this Congress that:

SECTION I: Businesses in the transportation industry (including car and airline companies) and manufacturing firms that prove to be actively using green technologies in their products or services shall receive a 3% tax cut to incentivize them to continue taking measures to curb climate change.

SECTION II: Tax cuts are defined as a reduction in taxes that a business has to pay off of its income. Green technologies are products that work to reduce the effects of pollution and include, but are not limited to, hybrid or electric cars, and renewable energy such as solar or wind energy.

SECTION III: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall identify eligible companies for such tax cuts, and the United States Department of Treasury shall oversee the implementation of those tax cuts.

SECTION IV: This legislation shall be implemented immediately upon passage and expire on September 1, 2030.

SECTION V: All laws in conflict with this resolution are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Representative Srithan Nalluri
Rock Ridge High School*

1561

A Bill to Make Community College Free

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

ARTICLE I. The United States federal government will eliminate tuition costs for students at two-year community colleges.

ARTICLE II. Two-year community college shall be defined as a nonresidential post-secondary educational institution that grants certificates, diplomas, and associate degrees to residents living in a particular area for two years. Community colleges must also have open enrollment policies.

ARTICLE III. The legislation will take effect on October 1, 2022. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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

A. All funds will be provided through the normal fiscal year 2023 budgeting process.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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1576

A Bill to Ban Unpaid Internships

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

ARTICLE I. The Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 shall be amended to ban the use of unpaid internships by high-profit companies, and establish a minimum wage of \$5.25 for interns in replacement. To prevent intern exploitation, only up to 20% of a company's workforce can be made up of interns.

ARTICLE II. The definition of a "high-profit" company is a company with a profit margin greater than 15%

ARTICLE III. This legislation shall take effect six months after passage.

ARTICLE IV. The Department of Labor shall oversee the changes created by this legislation.

A. Any companies who fail to comply with this legislation shall be required to pay their interns in the amount of the minimum wage with a 2% monthly interest rate.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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A Bill to Decriminalize Marijuana

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

ARTICLE II. Decriminalize is to charge small personal consumption amounts of marijuana (up to 40 grams) with a small fine (up to \$100) and community service. Marijuana is defined as the dried leaves and flowers of Cannabis.

ARTICLE III. This bill will go into effect in FY 2022.

ARTICLE IV. This bill will be enforced by the Department of Justice and the Department of Health.

A. The department of Justice will allocate money to states to release people who are currently serving time for small, personal consumption marijuana from federal and state (which have decriminalized marijuana) prison and have this charge wiped from their criminal record.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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#1573

A Bill to Ban Private Prisons

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

ARTICLE I. The usage of private prisons shall be banned in the United States of America. All existing private prisons shall be converted to federal prisons.

ARTICLE II. Banning is defined as the prohibition of the usage and/or operations of any private prisons. Private prisons are defined as any long-term location run by private corporations that house inmates and are being paid by the government in exchange for services and beds.

ARTICLE III. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2023.

ARTICLE IV. The US Department of Justice and Bureau of Prisons shall oversee all implementation of this bill

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

6 **ARTICLE 2.** Steadily increased shall be defined as an increase of \$1.75 for every year,
7 with an increase of \$0.50 in the final year, until the minimum wage
8 reaches \$15. After the minimum wage is \$15, it shall be readjusted
9 annually for inflation using the Consumer Price Index.

10 **ARTICLE 3.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2022.

11 **ARTICLE 4.** The United States Department of Labor shall be responsible for the
12 implementation of this legislation.

13 A. The United States Bureau of Labor Statistics shall be responsible for
14 determining the Consumer Price Index annually.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Siva

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Bill # 3073

A Bill To Support Impoverished Families

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** Congress shall establish a program to assist impoverished
2. families.
3. **SECTION 2.** This program will provide a monthly cash benefit to
4. families, amounting to \$350 a month for each child ages 0-5,
5. and \$250 a month for each child ages 6-17.
6. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will be in charge
7. of administering and overseeing this program.
8. **SECTION 4.** This act shall be implemented on May 1st, 2021.
9. **SECTION 5.** All other laws in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be
10. declared null and void.

*Respectfully Introduced by
Representative McBride
Woodgrove High School*

RESOLUTION 1570

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION

Whereas: The terms of the current US Supreme Court Chief Justice and Associate Justices are indefinite and too long; and

Whereas: The decade-long polarization of these justices is causing monumental changes that would last for centuries to come; and

Whereas: Term limits limit the polarization of Supreme Court Justices and increase the diversity of the court.

Therefore, be it resolved by two-thirds of this Student 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 seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

ARTICLE XXVIII

SECTION 1: Each Supreme Court Justice shall have a tenure of no more than 18 years, at which point they will be replaced by a nominee appointed by the President of the United States. Each replacement shall be staggered by at least two years.

SECTION 2: Current justices shall continue to serve until they have served for 18 years, at which point they will be replaced. If two or more justices have served for more than 18 years, they will be replaced in the order that they were appointed, with each replacement staggered by at least two years.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Anisha Talreja

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Bill #750

A Bill to Establish Universal Basic Income

1. **Article 1:** This bill requires that the United States government is required
2. to provide all legal citizens over the age of 18 with \$1000 a month through
3. the “American Promise” program.
4. **Article 2:** The “American Promise” program is a compilation of protocol
5. and new taxation that would pay for the UBI. The protocol discloses that
6. states able to comfortably pay for the program for their population would
7. be required to do so.
8. Other states would draw from the “American Promise Fund.” This fund
9. will be filled with money from a 10% luxury item value added tax.
10. Finally, those who use welfare and social programs will be given the
11. choice between their current benefits or the \$1000 check.
12. **Article 3:** This program will take effect Oct. 1st, 2021
13. **Article 4:** The IRS would oversee the distribution of the UBI checks.
14. **Article 5:** All other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall
15. hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,
Senator Aidan Chomicki
Lake Braddock Secondary School

Bill #2049

A bill to help eradicate homelessness in America

1. Article 1: The "Section 8" Housing Choice Voucher Program funding shall be increased by
2. 25%.
3. Article 2: The "Section 8" Housing Choice Voucher Program is defined as federal housing
4. assistance for low-income families.
5. Article 3: Investment will be implemented April 1st, 2021.
6. Article 4: Housing choice vouchers are administered locally by Public Housing Agencies
7. (PHAs). Funding for the program comes from the U.S. Department of Housing
8. and Urban Development (HUD).
9. Article 5: All other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be declared
10. null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Caleb Sharman
Lake Braddock High School

#1572

A Bill to Curb Terrorism in Cabo Delgado

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

ARTICLE I. The U.S. shall provide \$5 million in aid under the International Military Education and Training program to Mozambique.

ARTICLE II. Aid under the IMET program consists of training for foreign military students funded by the U.S.

ARTICLE III. This legislation will take effect on June 2021.

ARTICLE IV. The Department of State and the Department of Defense will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

- A. The Department of Defense will oversee the training of the Mozambican military in counter-insurgency operations under the IMET program.
- B. If the Department of State determines that the Mozambican military is not respecting human rights in their operations, Congress may roll back support for Mozambique to previous levels.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Bill #3177

A Bill to Lift Mandatory Minimum Sentences

1 Be it enacted,

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3 Article I: All mandatory minimum sentences on non-violent
4 crimes will be removed.

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6 Article II: A mandatory minimum sentence is the shortest amount
7 of jail time one can be sentenced for a given crime. Non
8 violent crimes will be defined as offenses that do not
9 involve a threat of harm or an actual attack upon a victim.

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11 Article III: This bill will be implemented immediately.

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13 Article IV: The implementation of the bill will be overseen
14 by the Department of Justice.

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16 Article V: All laws and policies in conflict with new law
17 are hereby deemed null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

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