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1 **WHEREAS,** Current dependence on oil and natural gas is unsustainable, but solar and wind
2 technology are not ready to power large swaths of the United States, while nuclear energy both
3 produces little harm to the environment and has the capacity to produce adequate power; and
4 **WHEREAS,** Wind and solar power produce energy an approximate 35% and 25% of the time,
5 respectively, while nuclear plants operate at full capacity about 93% of the time, resulting in
6 efficacy rates that are over 1.5 times higher than production reaped from natural gas; and
7 **WHEREAS,** The use of oil, coal, and natural gas has resulted in rampant pollution,
8 permanently threatening the health of Americans and the long-term sustainability of
9 ecosystems, necessitating a high-capacity energy production alternative; and
10 **WHEREAS,** If carbon emissions continue at their current rate, sea levels are predicted to rise
11 another 2 inches, endangering the lives of an approximate 10 million people and causing
12 irreversible damage that will demand retrospective and reparative action to mitigate harms; now,
13 therefore, be it
14 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation to the
15 Environmental Protection Agency and individual states to prioritize funding in the nuclear energy
16 sectors.

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A Resolution to Ban the Use of Facial Recognition Technology by the Police

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1 **WHEREAS,** Facial recognition technology misidentifies people of color at a much higher rate,
2 causing the police to make misinformed arrests that discriminate against minority populations;
3 and

4 **WHEREAS,** Some studies conclude that Asian and Black individuals are over 100 times more
5 likely to be misidentified than white individuals due to systematic flaws within the engineering of
6 the facial recognition technology, with no clear progression to correct the technologies currently
7 available; and

8 **WHEREAS,** Other organizations, such as ICE, are obtaining images of individuals through
9 facial recognition technology without a warrant, absent clarity in the accuracy of matches prior to
10 arrests; and

11 **WHEREAS,** If states continue to heavily invest in facial recognition technology, it may become
12 foundational and respected in the process of making arrests, while misidentifying people of color
13 from sources such as Facebook and Apple's facial recognition software, along with other
14 instances where the individual would be unaware their images may appear in policing software;
15 now, therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation to
17 individual states to ban the use of facial recognition software in policing.

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A Bill to Create an “Opt-Out” System for Organ Donation

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Individuals registering for state-provided identification bearing an indication of willingness to donate organs will automatically be registered as organ donors and will have the opportunity to opt-out.

SECTION 2. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will work in conjunction with the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) and the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

A. Individuals can opt out when they renew their state-issued licenses or formally state refusal in a notarized will. Individuals may also make a spoken refusal to donate their organs as witnessed by two adults, including one disinterested witness, who will sign at the request of the person seeking the opt-out.

B. Suspension, expiration, or revocation of a state-issued identification will not invalidate a commitment to organ donation.

SECTION 3. This legislation will go into effect January 1, 2022.

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

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A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Clarify Pardoning Power

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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, which shall

4 be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by

5 the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the

6 date of its submission by the Congress:

7 **ARTICLE --**

8 **SECTION 1.** The pardoning power of the president shall exclude the power to pardon

9 themselves, family members, and any individuals who violate law for the personal benefit of the

10 President of the United States.

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