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A Bill to Provide Recurring Stimulus Payments

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** United States taxpayers will receive recurring stimulus checks until Congress has
3 determined that COVID-19 is sufficiently under control to warrant tapering or complete elimination of
4 recurring payments.

5 **SECTION 2.** United States taxpayers and their families who were eligible for earlier coronavirus
6 stimulus checks will be eligible for recurring stimulus payments as determined by the Internal Revenue
7 Service.

8 **SECTION 3.** All eligible U.S. adult citizens will receive \$1000 stimulus checks each month and each
9 eligible child of U.S. adult citizens will receive \$500 stimulus checks each month.

10 **SECTION 4.** The Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service shall oversee
11 implementation of this legislation.

12 **SECTION 5.** This legislation takes effect immediately.

13 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Resolution to Encourage Municipal Ownership of Internet Services

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1 **WHEREAS** the U.S. Senate passed a bipartisan infrastructure package with \$65 billion for Internet
2 connectivity; and

3 **WHEREAS** consumer advocacy groups argue that cities should build their own Internet services to
4 expand connectivity nationwide; and

5 **WHEREAS** municipal broadband is that which is partially or fully owned by local governments; and

6 **WHEREAS** municipal broadband is not motivated by profits but by providing services to its residents;
7 and

8 **WHEREAS** the original American Jobs Plan included the promotion of competition by eliminating
9 “barriers that prevent municipally-owned or affiliated providers and rural electric co-ops from
10 competing on an even playing field with private providers”; and

11 **WHEREAS** the digital divide must be narrowed; now, therefore be it

12 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that municipal development and ownership of Internet
13 services should be encouraged and that individual states should support the efforts of municipalities,
14 including, but not limited to, easing regulatory burdens or eliminating outright bans of municipal
15 Internet ownership.

A Bill to Provide Wildfire Aid

A Bill to Provide Wildfire Aid

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1** Aid will be provided to Algeria, Greece, and Turkey to combat wildfires.

3 **SECTION 2.** \$10 billion in aid may be in the form of direct payments, firefighting supplies and
4 equipment, personnel, or some combination thereof.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State will oversee the distribution of funds and enforcement of this
6 legislation.

7 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately.

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

An Amendment to the American Rescue Plan

An Amendment to the American Rescue Plan

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Permit the use of American Rescue Plan funding for debt relief by states and cities.

3 **SECTION 2.** This action overturns the temporary ban of spending on debt relief by Secretary Yellen
4 and makes Congressional intent clear.

5 **SECTION 3.** The original rescue plan provides \$350 billion in aid to state and local governments. This
6 amendment allows state and local governments to maintain autonomy to determine how those funds
7 are appropriated.

8 **SECTION 4.** The Department of the Treasury will honor and oversee the enforcement of this
9 legislation.

10 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect immediately. For those state and local governments that
11 have already issued determinations of how their funds will be spent, they may amend their
12 appropriations to allow for debt repayment within two months of the passage of this bill.

13 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill for Worldwide Vaccine Distribution

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will share 25% of its surplus vaccine stock through direct donations and
3 share another 25% of its surplus vaccine stock through COVAX's multi-lateral pool.

4 **SECTION 2.** Surplus stock consists of vaccine supplies that are above-and-beyond that needed to fully
5 vaccinate the United States' population with one or two shots, based upon the vaccine's dosage for full
6 vaccination. Stock for a third booster shot may not be pulled from the portion of the surplus designated
7 for donation.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State and the Department of Health and Human Services will oversee
9 the distribution of vaccine surpluses.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately.

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

A Resolution to Address Concerns with COVAX

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1 **WHEREAS** COVAX has distributed fewer than 200 million doses worldwide at the time of the writing
2 of this resolution, far short of its goal of 640 million doses; and

3 **WHEREAS** some supplies of COVAX vaccines have expired prior to distribution in countries lacking
4 infrastructure for cold storage, delivery, and distribution; and

5 **WHEREAS** all nations, both wealthy and non-wealthy alike, are affected by uncontrolled spread of
6 COVID variants; and

7 **WHEREAS** the needs for each country vary in terms of the assistance needed and the specific type of
8 vaccines required to address the most prominent variants of COVID affecting their region; and

9 **WHEREAS** some nations have a surplus of vaccines while others wait for months to gain access to
10 life-saving vaccinations; and

11 **WHEREAS** as Dr. Ayoade Alakija, co-chair of the African Union’s vaccine delivery program, has stated,
12 “Covax hasn’t failed, but it is failing. We really have no other options. For the sake of humanity, Covax
13 must work”; now, therefore be it

14 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that COVAX concerns must be addressed by the
15 governing officers, partners, and nations which contribute to its success. The United States is prepared
16 to offer additional resources and personnel to the success of COVAX as these concerns are addressed.
17 These concerns include, but are not limited to, 1) ensuring sufficient supplies and protection of vaccines;
18 2) ensuring cold storage chains; 3) training of health professionals to administer the shots; 4) ensuring
19 appropriate methods of deployment from delivery to distribution; 5) mobilizing people to attend
20 vaccination centers, when vaccines are available; 6) combat social media disinformation and
21 misinformation campaigns; 7) Work with the World Health Organization to create a roadmap for rapid,
22 yet realistic, vaccination efforts worldwide.

A Bill to Regulate Graduate Schools

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Establish caps for Grad Plus loan programs of \$50,000 for a master's degree and \$100,000
3 for a terminal degree (e.g., M.F.A, J.D. Ph.D).

4 **SECTION 2.** Eliminate loan forgiveness programs that waive remaining debt after a 20 to 25 year
5 payoff period.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

7 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect January 1, 2023. Forgiveness programs for those who took
8 out loans prior to January 1, 2022 will remain intact.

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

A Resolution to Support the Middle East

A Resolution to Support the Middle East

- 1 **WHEREAS** President Biden’s recent actions in Afghanistan have contributed to political, social, and
2 economic turmoil in the Middle East; and
- 3 **WHEREAS** members of Congress from diverse political perspectives have expressed concern and
4 regret over the methods and timing of withdrawal of remaining United States’ forces and its allies in
5 Afghanistan; and
- 6 **WHEREAS** the Taliban were unable to secure Kabul’s airport resulting in casualties to United States’
7 military personnel and our allies; and
- 8 **WHEREAS** Middle East political, social, and economic stability is essential to the interests of the
9 United States and its allies; and
- 10 **WHEREAS** United States’ efforts to combat terrorism remain long after our withdrawal from
11 Afghanistan; and
- 12 **WHEREAS** the United States has troops stationed throughout the Middle East; and
- 13 **WHEREAS** there are United States’ citizens, allies, and vulnerable populations who will remain long
14 after August 31; now, therefore be it
- 15 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that we implore the Commander-in-Chief of the United
16 States’ Armed Forces to increase personnel and equipment for our allies in the Middle East, including
17 but not limited to troop deployment on or near Afghan borders, and to provide a check against other
18 states, including Syria and Iran, that consider our departure from Afghanistan as a signal that we are
19 abandoning our allies in the Middle East.

An Amendment on State Antitrust Venues

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** To amend title 28 of the United States Code to prevent the transfer of actions arising
3 under the antitrust laws in which a State is a complainant.

4 **SECTION 2.** Section 1407 of title 28 of the United States Code is amended 1) in subsection (g) by
5 inserting “or a State” after “United States” and 2) striking subsection (h).

6 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission and the United States Department of Justice will oversee
7 enforcement of this legislation.

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

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

Note: This bill mirrors H.R. 3460 and is currently under review by the judiciary committee.

A Bill to Support Climate-Vulnerable Island Nations

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Create an Island Nation Fund of \$100 billion for climate-vulnerable independent coastal
3 states to take active measures to repair damage and protect states from climate change disasters.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) and its 39 member states will submit funding
5 and action proposals to an Island Nation Congressional Committee.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State will oversee enforcement and distribution of the funds.

7 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately.

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