

EAST OKLAHOMA  
CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE  
DISTRICT TOURNAMENT  
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## A Bill to Restructure the School Year

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** All states, territories, and the Federal District must ensure that the public schools over
- 3 which they have jurisdiction neither remain in session for more than six weeks without a
- 4 break of at least one week, nor institute a break of longer than four weeks at any point.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** Any state, territory, or district that violates this legislation shall lose federal education
- 6 funding until compliance is reached.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Education.
- 8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on July 1, 2025.
- 9 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

## A Bill to standardize the requirements for graduation in high school

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The minimum graduation requirements to get a high school diploma will  
3 be standardized across all fifty states. This standard would be 4 credits of  
4 English, 3 credits of Math, and 2 credits of both Science, and Social  
5 Studies, 2 credits foreign language requirements, and a course on both  
6 financial literacy and voting.

7 **SECTION 2.** The foreign language can be any language that the school offers,  
8 including computer classes.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee this legislation.

10 A. No tests from the federal government will be required for graduation  
11 and receiving a high school diploma.

12 B. One credit for social studies would be devoted to that state's history  
13 and another credit for a semester learning government.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect starting with the class of 2026. All laws in  
15 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Union High School*



## A Bill to Stop Convicting Minors Under 18 of Prostitution

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Under this bill, a minor under 18 will not be charged of prostitution. They  
3 will be moved to safe state housing and an investigation will occur in  
4 their home life.

5 **SECTION 2.** Prostitution – the exchange of a sexual act for money

6 **SECTION 3.** Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Initiatives – Provides  
7 foster care/state housing and conducts the investigations.

8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2023. All laws in conflict with  
9 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Union High School.*

## A Bill to Strengthen America through Service

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1           **SECTION 1.**    A) All American citizens between the ages of 18-40 will  
2                           register for national service. This 18 month service will begin with 8-10  
3                           weeks of basic combat training.

4                           B) Afterwards, citizens would be able to choose 6 months of  
5                           training in one of the following areas; HEALTH, EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGY,  
6                           and MANAGEMENT. These areas can be expanded upon depending upon  
7                           the needs of the country.

8                           C) Graduates from training will be employed for the  
9                           remainder of their service in entry level fields for hospitals and retirement  
10                          communities (HEALTH), daycare and schools (EDUCATION), coding and  
11                          programming (TECHNOLOGY), and entry level leadership positions in local,  
12                          state, and federal government.

13           **SECTION 2.**    All "American citizens," in this instance, refers specifically to  
14                           all physically and mentally capable citizens.

15           **SECTION 3.**    The Department of Defense in conjunction with the Federal  
16                           Election Commission will oversee the enforcement of this legislation.  
17                           Citizens opting to not complete training will not be eligible to receive  
18                           federal grants or loans in any capacity, nor will they be allowed to run for  
19                           federal public office, or register for welfare programs. Citizens completing  
20                           programs would receive one year of free college credit (15-18 credit hours)  
21                           in addition to credit hours that may have been gained in training.

22           **SECTION 4.**    This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2024. All laws in  
23                           conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Broken Arrow High School.*

## A Bill to Strengthen Citizenship

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   A) All unauthorized residents living in the United States will be on a  
2                   pathway to citizenship that will culminate in American citizenship in no  
3                   more than ten years. Those immigrants/unauthorized residents who have  
4                   at least three years of American military experience will be fast-tracked to  
5                   complete citizenship in 5 years; those with felony convictions in the past 3  
6                   years will be immediately deported to their country of origin.
- 7                   B) The United States borders will be shut down for a period of no less  
8                   than 15 years to those wishing to enter the country to reside. The number  
9                   of political/disaster refugees allowed access to the United States will be  
10                  capped at 20,000.
- 11   **SECTION 2.**   Unauthorized residents refers to those who are not citizens of the United  
12                   States and have not been granted “permanent resident” status, student  
13                   visas, or guest worker visas.
- 14   **SECTION 3.**   The Department of Justice in conjunction with the US Customs and Border  
15                   Patrol will oversee enforcement of this legislation. Unauthorized residents  
16                   who commit felonies during their 10 year pathway to citizenship will be  
17                   deported to their country of origin. States refusing to grant “pathway  
18                   status” to unauthorized residents will be fined \$1,000,000 per resident.  
19                   States refusing to recognize federally mandated border closures will be  
20                   fined \$1,000,000 per resident that enters illegally after enactment date.
- 21   **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect on August 1st, 2023. This legislation will be  
22                   up for review no sooner than August 1, 2038. All laws in conflict with this  
23                   legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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## A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Establish Religious Neutrality in Politics

- 1   **RESOLVED,** That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United  
2                   States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when  
3                   ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from  
4                   the date of its submission by the Congress:
- 5   **ARTICLE 1.** No person holding or campaigning for political office at any level may disclose or discuss his  
6                   or her personal religious beliefs while campaigning or holding office.
- 7   **ARTICLE 2.** The religious beliefs of politicians and political candidates shall be treated as classified  
8                   information, and their disclosure shall be punished accordingly, though only when  
9                   disclosed by the politician or candidate in question.
- 10   **ARTICLE 3.** No politician or political candidate shall be punished for having disclosed or discussed his or  
11                  her personal religious beliefs prior to campaigning or serving, nor shall any such person be  
12                  punished for having disclosed or discussed his or her personal religious beliefs prior to the  
13                  ratification of this amendment.
- 14   **ARTICLE 4.** Upon ending a campaign or leaving office, former politicians and candidates shall again be  
15                  able to disclose and discuss their personal religious views freely so long as they remain  
16                  uninvolved in politics.
- 17   **ARTICLE 5.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

## A Resolution to Encourage NATO to Establish a No-Fly Zone over Ukraine

- 1   **WHEREAS** The Russian invasion of Ukraine is morally repugnant and runs counter to everything the  
2                   United States stands for; and
- 3   **WHEREAS** Russian air dominance would be devastating for the prospects of Ukraine and its people; and
- 4   **WHEREAS** Russia must be rebuffed clearly and definitively lest they be emboldened to expand their  
5                   invasion into North Atlantic Treaty Alliance (NATO) member state territory; now, therefore  
6                   be it
- 7   **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that NATO is strongly encouraged to adopt and enforce a  
8                   no-fly zone prohibiting Russian aircraft and missiles over Ukrainian airspace; and
- 9   **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress shall consider military action against Russia if this no-fly zone is  
10                  enacted and Russia disregards it.



## A Resolution to Recommend the Mandating of Indigenous Studies as a High School Graduation Requirement

1 **WHEREAS** The overwhelming majority of the history of human inhabitation of the lands of our nation  
2 belongs exclusively to its Indigenous Peoples; and

3 **WHEREAS** Even after colonization and the subjugation it has brought upon this nation's Indigenous  
4 Peoples, they have continued to play crucial roles in its history, contributing enormously to  
5 overall United States' culture and identity while maintaining distinct and inspiring cultures  
6 and identities of their own; and

7 **WHEREAS** The histories and cultures of this nation's Indigenous Peoples are given little attention in  
8 most high school curricula and are poorly understood by many in the United States; now,  
9 therefore be it

10 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that states, territories, and the Federal District are strongly  
11 encouraged to mandate one year of Indigenous Studies, being a course devoted to the  
12 histories and cultures of this nation's Indigenous Peoples, as a high school graduation  
13 requirement; and

14 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress shall consider wielding its powers to bring about universal adoption  
15 of this recommendation if states, territories, and the Federal District do not heed it on their  
16 own.

## A Resolution to Reduce Minor Drug Offense Penalties

1   **WHEREAS,**   Current penalties for possession of controlled drugs are far too harsh for  
2                   minor offenses; and

3   **WHEREAS,**   Offenders are unfairly punished for an offence that is not inherently  
4                   harmful; and

5   **WHEREAS,**   Arrests for simple possession can come with exorbitant fines and  
6                   imprisonment depending on the area where an offender is arrested; and

7   **WHEREAS,**   A possession charge can limit an offender's subsequent job opportunities;  
8                   now, therefore, be it

9   **RESOLVED,**   the penalties for minor drug offenses should be federally standardized  
10                  and be it

11   **FURTHER RESOLVED,** that these penalties should prioritize education and rehabilitation  
12                  over incarceration.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bixby High School.*



## The Ticket Purchaser's Bill of Rights

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** Ticket brokers may not charge fees in excess of 10% of the value of the ticket(s) being sold,  
3 and they must disclose all fees from the earliest stage of the purchase process.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Any broker that manages secondhand resales of tickets must disclose information about its  
5 sellers, including sales history and user reviews, to potential buyers and must restrict those  
6 sellers from increasing ticket prices to make a profit.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** A ticket broker is defined as a third-party company that manages the sale of tickets for  
8 concerts, plays, sporting events, and other performances.
- 9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).
- 10 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2023.
- 11 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

## A Resolution to End Pretrial Incarceration

1           **WHEREAS,**    People are being held before trial for extended periods of  
2                           time prior to trial for crimes they may or may not have committed.  
3           **WHEREAS,**    Very often people will be held for months but can be held  
4                           for over a year if trial takes a long time to go through which is unjust when  
5                           they might be innocent.  
6           **WHEREAS,**    People will lose time off of their lives ,lose their jobs, and  
7                           potentially personal relationships while they are being held for a crime  
8                           they may or may not have committed.  
9           **WHEREAS,**    this is clearly wrong because these people's personal lives  
10                          are so affected by being held in jail for such extended periods whenever  
11                          they may or may not have be innocent  
12           **RESOLVED,**   That the Congress here assembled bans holding people for  
13                          incarceration prior to trial, instead using technology to track the  
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*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Broken Arrow High School.*

# County Redesign Program Act 2022

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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3 **SECTION 1.** This bill hereby, over the course of years to come, will update the current  
4 infrastructure of American counties by creating a program that finances counties for the  
5 implementation for infrastructure that fit the guidelines below. This program will provide  
6 as much funding as is necessary to complete the public works projects that the city's local  
7 government wants to create. These infrastructure projects will be required to fit certain  
8 US Federal regulation guidelines listed here after.

- 9 • All infrastructure endeavors must be completed with safety as the utmost priority.
- 10 • All projects must be created with an emphasis on both public transportation and  
11 free pedestrian movement.
- 12 • This infrastructure will also have an emphasis on using clean energy, including  
13 but not limited to, solar, wind, water etc...
- 14 • Anti-homeless architecture is prohibited by being funded by the City Redesign  
15 Program (CRP)

16 Funding from the CRP is prohibited from being used outside of the expressed purposes,  
17 funding being used outside of these expressed purposes will be considered defrauding the  
18 United States Federal Government and will be fully prosecuted of the law. Payment for  
19 this bill will come about because of redirecting funds from current infrastructure  
20 spending.

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22 **SECTION 2.** A county is an administrative or political subdivision of a state that  
23 consists of a geographic region with specific boundaries and usually some  
24 level of government authority.

25 **SECTION 3.** Enforcement of this bill will be overseen by the Department of Housing  
26 and Urban Development, Department of Commerce, The U.S. Government  
27 Accountability Office, and the Department of Justice

- 28 • The Department of Housing and Urban Development/The Department of  
29 Commerce will oversee the building of the infrastructure.
- 30 • The U.S. Government Accountability Office will be responsible for  
31 investigating possible defrauding cases with the CRP.
- 32 • The Department of Justice will oversee the prosecution of said defrauding  
33 cases.

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35 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. All laws in conflict with  
36 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Union Public Schools*

# A Bill To Nationalize The Fossil Fuel Industry So That We May Transition To Green Energy

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

## **SECTION 1.**

### **Subsection 1:**

The United States Federal Government Shall first cut all subsidies to fossil fuel companies from the budget, freeing up 5.9 Trillion dollars within the United States Federal governmental budget. The United States federal government shall also revoke all land leases provided to these companies.

### **Subsection 2:**

The United States Federal Government shall use this 5.9 trillion dollars to fairly pay fossil fuel companies via Eminent Domain for all of their private property owned within US governmental jurisdiction that operates within the borders of the United States.

### **Subsection 3:**

The United States Federal government shall also create the Fossil Fuel Decocommission Commission, here-on referred to as the FFDC. The FFDC will, using the claimed land, operate the land to continue production and provide these fossil fuels. The profits generated by the FFDC's continued operation will go towards the gradual decommissioning of the Fossil Fuel Industry and the funding of the green energy industry. Whatever money is left from the 5.9 trillion dollars originally devoted to subsidies shall be used to cover the operating costs for the first 15 years of FFDC's operation of these industries.

### **Subsection 4:**

In operating the fossil fuel industry the FFDC will be restricted in these ways:

1. No new wells, mines, or other forms of fossil fuel production can be opened/created
2. No new Pipelines or other means of transport can be created
3. The FFDC should have the Fossil Fuel Industry fully decommissioned within 30 years
4. for the first 15 years, The FFDC shall devote 20% of profits to the gradual decommission of Fossil Fuel Facilities and 80% towards subsidies for Green Energy.
5. For the final 15 years, the FFDC shall devote 80% of profits towards the decommission of Fossil Fuel Facilities and 20% to subsidies for Green Energy.

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**SECTION 2.**

**Eminent Domain:** The power of the united states government to take private property and convert it into public use via just payment.

**Fossil Fuel:** Natural gas, petroleum, coal, and any form of solid, liquid, or gaseous fuel derived from such materials for the purpose of creating useful heat.

**SECTION 3.**

**This bill shall be enforced by the:**

- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- U.S. Department of Energy
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

These three agencies shall work together to enact and enforce all provisions within this bill in the manner laid out below.

- A. The Department of Energy would enforce subsections 1, 3, and 4
- B. The Environmental Protection Agency shall play a part in the enforcement of Subsections 3 & 4
- C. The Department of Housing and Urban Development shall enforce Subsection 2
- D. The creation of the FFDC as laid out in section 3 shall fall to congress and shall be made up of portions of the EPA and the DOE

**SECTION 4.**

This legislation will take effect on July 1st, 2022. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Union Forensic Society.*



## A Bill to make a registrar of apiary to prevent the spread of disease (US Apiary Act)

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill will set up a voluntary registration program to protect American  
3 apiaries from disease.

4 If one registers for the program their hives will be inspected at least once  
5 every three (3) years or upon request. The hives will be inspected for  
6 disease and other entities that don't belong in the hive

7 **SECTION 2.** Apiary - a place where bees are kept; a collection of beehives.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Agriculture will run the program and inspect the hives  
9 when needed.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2023. All laws in conflict  
11 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Union High School*



## A Bill to Tax Businesses if Their Workers Require Welfare (Welfare Workers Tax Act of 2021)

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This Policy will add a new form of tax revenue for the US federal  
3 government, Lower the cost on American citizens for Government Assistance, and lead  
4 to increases in the wages for millions of American workers.

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6 This policy would Charge businesses 115% of the cost of their workers'  
7 Government Assistance for low income Individuals below the poverty line  
8 working a full time equivalent of a typical 4-member family but not  
9 exceeding 100% of their profits

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11 To ensure employers do not fire employees for taking government.  
12 assistance for low-income individuals this bill also includes in it, a  
13 provision that makes it illegal to fire employees for taking out  
14 this government assistance. The punishment for firing an employee.  
15 illegally will be payments equal to six (6) months' salary or the equivalent of 6.  
16 months full time work paychecks to the former employee for a six (6) month  
17 period. At the first of each month a payment of One Sixth (1/6) of the six (6)  
18 months' salary/full time wage total is to be paid to the former Employee.

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 Profit: a financial gain, especially the difference between the amounts  
21 earned and the amount spent in operating the business.

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23 Government Assistance to low-income individuals: any program, project,  
24 service, or activity provided by state, local, & federal governments that  
25 directly assists Low Income Individuals

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27 Full Time Equivalent: the number of total hours worked divided by the  
28 maximum number of compensable hours in a full-time schedule as defined  
29 total hours provided to all employees.

30 **SECTION 3.**

31 The Internal Revenue Service and The Department of Health and Human  
32 Services would be the Government Agencies responsible for  
33 Enforcement of this bill.

34 A. The IRS would be responsible for the taxation of these businesses.

35 B. The HHS would be responsible for collecting and providing the information  
36 required to enforce this taxation.

37 **SECTION 4.**

38 This legislation will take effect on July 1st, 2021. All laws in conflict with  
39 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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41 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Union Public Schools.*

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## A Bill To Abolish Taxation Against Minors

1. *Be it enacted by the Congress here assembled that:*

2. **SECTION 1**

3. United States citizens under the age of 18 will no longer be required pay  
4. taxes, thereby abolishing Book 26 Section G of the Internal Revenue  
5. Code.

6. **SECTION 2**

7. 'Taxation' includes all forms of taxes in the United States; income, sales,  
8. excise, payroll (if applicable), property taxes (if applicable), estate taxes  
9. (if applicable), and gift taxes (if applicable). "United States citizens  
10. under the age of 18" are also referred to as minors.

11. **SECTION 3**

12. The Internal Revenue Service will oversee this bill integrated into the  
Internal Revenue Code.

13. **A.** The IRS will establish a subdepartment to be known as the  
14. "DMC" (U.S. Department of Minors' Commerce) to oversee the lawful  
15. transition to the application of this bill.

16. **B.** The DMC will establish a national bank card identification system  
17. to correctly identify minors with an established annual income. This  
18. income, when deposited into said card, will no longer be subject to tax in  
19. any form under the passage of this bill.

20. **C.** The DMC will set appropriate measures to account for any form  
21. of fraud under said national bank card program alongside the United  
22. States Social Security Administration (SSA).

23. **SECTION 4**

24. This bill will be enacted upon passage.

25. **SECTION 5**

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Oologah High School*

## A Bill to Ban Sex Identification to Promote Gender Equality

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Government and legal documentation will no longer contain information  
3 on a citizen's sex, including gender identity and sexual reassignment, with  
4 exceptions below.

5 **SECTION 2.** Medical records may contain relevant information on a patient's sex,  
6 with relevant information being:

- 7 • Genitalia
- 8 • Sex Chromosomes
- 9 • Hormones and hormone treatments

10 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will be overseen by the Department of State, the  
11 Department of Health and Human Services, and the Department of  
12 Justice.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2023. All laws in conflict with  
14 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Union High School.*

## A Bill to Enact Mental Health Education In Public Schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   Mental Health education courses shall be enacted within public school  
2                   systems nationwide, requiring high school students, as a requirement for  
3                   graduation, to complete a short course on basic mental health including  
4                   the warning signs for common mental illnesses, and the warning signs that  
5                   someone is a likely danger to themselves.
- 6   **SECTION 2.**   Mental illnesses are health conditions involving changes in emotion,  
7                   thinking, or behavior or a combination of these. Mental illnesses are  
8                   associated with distress and/or problems functioning in social situations,  
9                   work, or family activities.
- 10   **SECTION 3.**   The Department of Health and Human Services will be responsible for the  
11                   development and implementation of the required course. The Department  
                    of Education will be responsible for overseeing the requirement in schools.
- 12   **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2025. All laws in conflict  
13                   with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bixby High School.*

## A Bill to End Single-Family Zoning

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** No residential zone may limit the number of housing units on a plot of land below two.

3 **SECTION 2.** All municipalities must approve requests to add an additional housing unit to any plot of  
4 land currently containing only one. Municipalities are strongly encouraged to allow more  
5 than two units on single plots as well.

6 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Housing and Urban Development  
7 (HUD).

8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2023.

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



## A Bill to Incentivize Future Teachers

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1           **SECTION 1.**    The Department of Education will pay for undergraduate
- 2                           degrees in Elementary and Secondary Education at designated public
- 3                           universities for future teachers, provided that:
- 4                                       A) They work 5 years post-graduation & certification at a
- 5                                       rural/urban non-charter public school or a Dept. of Defense school.
- 6                                       B) They can show proof of working that time in a mid to low
- 7                                       performing public school.
- 8                                       C) That teachers only be charged a maximum of 5% income
- 9                                       tax on their wages from teaching.
- 10          **SECTION 2.**    “Public University” is defined as a university which is mainly
- 11                           funded by public means through a state government. Tuition is much
- 12                           cheaper than that of a private university. It is subject to government rules
- 13                           and regulations.
- 14          **SECTION 3.**    The DOE will set up a fund of one billion dollars to
- 15                           incentivize people to become public school teachers.
- 16          **SECTION 4.**    This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2023. All laws in
- 17                           conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Broken Arrow High School.*



## **A Bill to Institute Medicare for All to provide free and quality healthcare for all.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** Accessible, free, and quality healthcare shall be available to all people in the United States. Additionally, the federal government will negotiate and regulate the price of pharmaceuticals to prevent price gouging.
- SECTION 2.** All people signifies that every person, regardless of citizenship status will be granted access to the US national healthcare system. Quality meaning, there will not be a difference in the quality of treatment within different socioeconomic backgrounds.
- SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will be responsible for overseeing the legislation. The Department of Homeland Security will maintain the medical records and data of all US citizens. The federal Centers of Medicare Services will oversee the transition of Medicare patients onto Medicare for All.
- SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately but will require a four-year transition period. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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## A Bill to Limit Soda Consumption

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Consumption of soda by minors under the age of 18 will be limited to a  
2 maximum of 24 ounces per day.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Soda is a usually sweet drink containing sugar, carbonated water and  
4 flavoring. Synonyms include pop, soda pop, and soda water.
  - 5 A. Brands include but are not limited to: Coca-Cola, Dr. Pepper, Monster,  
6 Pepsi, Mountain Dew, Root Beer, and other off brand similar products.
  - 7 B. Sugary sodas have been proven to be the leading cause of Type 2 Diabetes,  
8 cause insulin resistance, cause leptin resistance, and increase the risk of  
9 heart disease.
- 10 **SECTION 3.** The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will be responsible for  
11 enforcement of the legislation.
  - 12 A. On a first violation, parents and the minor in question will be responsible  
13 for completing a nutrition course designed by the Department of Health  
14 and Human Services designed to educate on the dangers of soda  
15 consumption.
  - 16 B. Subsequent violations will result in a \$500 fine for each offense.
- 17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2023. All laws in conflict with  
18 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.  
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## A Bill to Protect The Right to Breastfeed

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** The right to breastfeed shall not be limited in any place or in any context.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Any private citizen who demonstrably protests a specific act of breastfeeding shall be liable
- 4 for prosecution under local harassment laws. In jurisdictions with no anti-harassment laws,
- 5 these incidents shall be viewed as stalking and prosecuted accordingly.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Health and Human Services' Office
- 7 for Civil Rights (OCR) in conjunction with local law enforcement.
- 8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.
- 9 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

# A Bill to reform Solitary Confinement In All Prisons to Improve Mental Health of Inmates

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   Before every occurrence of an inmate being sent to solitary confinement
- 2                   they must have been examined by a correctional counselor, who
- 3                   concluded that the inmate is a danger to themselves and/or others. If they
- 4                   are a damage to themself they need to to have constant 24 hour
- 5                   supervision
- 6                   A. Within a period of 30 days, solitary confinement may not exceed 3 days,
- 7                   during which, the inmate shall receive help from a correctional counselor.
- 8                   B. For a psychiatric evaluation to occur, from a correctional counselor,
- 9                   either a prison staff member must have requested one to occur or a
- 10                  correctional counselor deemed it is necessary for one to occur.
- 11   **SECTION 2.**   Solitary confinement is hereby defined as the placement of an inmate into a
- 12                   cell isolated from other inmates for any time that exceeds 20 hours.
- 13                   Correctional counselors are hereby defined as trained psychiatric officials.
- 14                   Help is hereby defined as a session with a counselor lasting at least a half
- 15                   hour for at least once a day. A. The highest ratio of correctional counselors
- 16                   for all prisons must now be 1 to 150 adult inmates and 1 to 60 for juvenile
- 17                  inmates.
- 18   **SECTION 3.**   The Federal Bureau of Prisons, United States Department of Justice and
- 19                   Substance Abuse and the Mental Health Services Administration shall
- 20                   oversee the passage of this legislation.
- 21                   B. If a prison does not adhere to the standards set forth in Section 1, funds
- 22                   for the prison will be withheld until the requirements are met
- 23   **SECTION 4.**   This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2023. All laws in conflict with
- 24                   this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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## A Bill to Remove Interstates from City Centers

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Over the course of the ten years that follow this legislation's passage, all sections of the  
3 Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways (interstates)  
4 that currently pass through city centers shall be removed from these areas. Affected  
5 sections may either be re-routed around the city center, sent under it via tunnels, or  
6 removed entirely if workable alternate routes already exist, with decisions to be made  
7 individually by each relevant city government in conjunction with the Federal Highway  
8 Administration (FHA).

9 **SECTION 2.** A city center shall be defined as any contiguous census tracts of high population density (at  
10 least 1000 people per square mile) at the center of a city with a population of at least  
11 50,000.

12 **SECTION 3.** Land reclaimed via interstate removal shall be given over to the city of which it is a part, to  
13 be developed into affordable multi-family housing, city parks, and/or public educational  
14 institutions such as museums, libraries, and schools. Each city shall decide for itself what  
15 mix of these repurposing possibilities it shall pursue.

16 **SECTION 4.** Eminent domain may be invoked to acquire land necessary for rerouting of interstates so  
17 long as economically disadvantaged communities (defined as neighborhoods where the  
18 average household income is less than 150% of the poverty threshold as defined by the  
19 Census Bureau) are not impacted.

20 **SECTION 5.** The cost of this project shall be offset by adopting an annual accrual tax on capital gains for  
21 the wealthiest 1% of US taxpayers, to take effect in the next fiscal year following this  
22 legislation's passage.

23 **SECTION 6.** This legislation shall be overseen by the FHA, with the exception of Section 5, which shall  
24 be overseen by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

25 **SECTION 7.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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



## A Bill to reparate all peoples of the United States who descend from African or African American individuals

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States should pay \$500 billion in reparations in order to  
3 eliminate the gap between black and white wealth and poverty

4 **SECTION 2.** Reparations can take numerous forms, including: affirmative action,  
5 individual monetary payments, settlements, scholarships, waiving of fees,  
6 and systemic initiatives to offset injustices, land-based compensation  
7 related to independence, apologies and acknowledgements of the  
8 injustices, token measures, such as naming a building after someone, or  
9 the removal of monuments and renaming of streets that honor slave  
10 owners and defenders of slavery.

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12 **SECTION 3.** The agencies in charge are the department of the treasury, the IRS, the  
13 federal reserve system, The department of justice, and department of  
14 health and human services

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. All laws in conflict with  
16 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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## A Bill to Repeal AEDPA

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** The Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 (AEDPA) is hereby repealed.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Any convicted criminal whose right to appeal is, or has been, limited by AEDPA at the time
- 4 of the passage of this legislation shall be entitled to a total reinstatement of those rights
- 5 effective immediately.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Justice.
- 7 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.
- 8 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.



## A Bill to Require Academic Journals to Pay Their Authors

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

**SECTION 1.** Academic journals must fairly pay the authors of any academic papers they publish. Fair pay includes, but is not limited to, an amount equating to at least \$0.50 per word or at least 50% of any amount charged for purchase and/or download of an author's specific article, with this second provision effective for all future purchases/downloads of the works of any living author. For papers with more than one author, these minimum amounts may be divided among the authors in a manner that is fair and equitable, with the lead/submitting author as the point of contact for that determination.

**SECTION 2.** An academic journal is defined as a periodical publication, published online or in print, that features articles or academic papers written by scholars on topics relating to their areas of expertise.

**SECTION 3.** The per-word rate minimum shall be adjusted for inflation once every five years.

**SECTION 4.** Any academic journal found to be in violation of this legislation shall pay its unpaid authors double the amount originally owed and be subject to a fine of up to \$5000 per article. Funds raised from this fine shall go to the Education Publications Center (EDPUBS).

**SECTION 5.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Labor.

**SECTION 6.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2023.

**SECTION 7.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.