



## A Bill to Encourage Urban Transit Development

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** New federal roadway expansion funding dedicated to cities with a population  
3 above 400,000 shall cease until such cities have high quality rapid transit systems.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Rapid transit system” for the purposes of this bill shall be defined as an  
5 integrated transit network including car-separated rapid bus, metro, subway, light metro, light  
6 rail, trolley, and/or tram service.

7 **SECTION 3.** A rapid transit system shall be designated as “high quality” for the purposes of  
8 this bill if it:

9       **a.** Operates everyday with sufficient capacity. It must operate between the hours of  
10       5:00am and 11:00pm with the exception of Sundays and public holidays; AND

11       **b.** Runs regularly at least every fifteen to thirty minutes; AND

12       **c.** Seventy-five percent of the city’s population is within one mile of a rapid transit  
13       stop or station.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be enforced by the Department of the Transportation in  
15 conjunction with the Department of the Treasury.

16 **SECTION 5.** This bill shall take effect on January 1st, 2025. At that point, cities with a  
17 population above 400,000 will be expected to have a high quality rapid transit systems in  
18 order to be awarded new federal roadway expansion funding.

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

*Introduced by The Bishop’s School.*

# A Bill to Ban the Sale of Genetic Information

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The sale of genetic information of United States citizens shall be banned.
- 2 **SECTION 2.** Genetic information shall be defined as genotypes collected from mediums  
3 often used in but not limited to ancestry and genetic disease tests.
- 4 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Labor shall oversee the implementation  
5 of this bill.
- 6           A. Citizens may consent to releasing their genetic information to  
7           companies.
- 8           B. Companies owning genetic information without consent must  
9           destroy all information acquired before the date of implementation.
- 10           C. Failure to do so will result in a fine of \$10,000 per infraction.
- 11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2023.
- 12 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Carlsbad High School.*

# A Resolution to Harness the Yellowstone Caldera for Disaster Prevention

- 1   **WHEREAS,**    The eruption of the Yellowstone Caldera Volcano would cause three trillion  
2                   dollars worth of damage; and,
- 3   **WHEREAS,**    Ash would spread to thousands of miles of the United States coating crops,  
4                   roads, power plants, and other essential infrastructure; and,
- 5   **WHEREAS,**    The threat of a nuclear winter poses an existential crisis for humanity; and,
- 6   **WHEREAS,**    Geothermal energy has the potential to simultaneously reduce the chance  
7                   of eruption and provide renewable energy for the continental United States
- 8   **RESOLVED,**   The United States Department of Energy should invest 5 billion dollars  
9                   towards research and development of geothermal energy resources and  
10                  disaster prevention surrounding the Yellowstone Caldera Volcano.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Carlsbad High School.*



## **A Bill to Expand the CRV to a Federal Level**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The CRV, or California Redemption Value, fee enacted in California shall be  
3 expanded to encompass the whole of the United States, as well as the sale of plastic utensils and  
4 straws, and be renamed as the USRV, the United States Redemption Value.

5 **SECTION 2.** The USRV shall be defined as the United States Redemption Value, which is five  
6 cents for each beverage container less than 24 ounces and ten cents for each container 24 ounces  
7 or greater.

8 **SECTION 3.** The enforcement of this bill shall be overseen by each individual states' recycling  
9 programs.

10 A. Any money collected within this bill shall be used to payback those  
11 donating said plastic products to state recycling centers. Said recycling  
12 centers will collect all plastic products stated in this bill.

13 B. A fee of 2 cents per utensil shall be placed upon any utensils asked for  
14 in a private setting.

15 C. This bill shall encompass beverage containers, plastic utensils and  
16 plastic straws.

17 **SECTION 4.** The bill shall be enacted at the start of the fiscal tax year of 2023.

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

*Introduced for Debate by Helix Charter High School*



## **A Resolution to Declare ANWR a National Park to Prevent Oil Drilling**

1       **WHEREAS,** Oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge harms the environment,  
2               as well as wildlife, in particular, the Porcupine Caribou, whose mortality rate has  
3               been increased by 8.2%, and

4       **WHEREAS,** There have been dozens of oil spills in the area that “not only harm nearby  
5               wildlife and their habitat, they could be fatal,” including a major spill in March  
6               2006 of more than 260,000 gallons of crude oil, and

7       **WHEREAS,** The drilling would increase emissions between 0.7 and 5 million metric  
8               tons of carbon dioxide, accounting for as much as 12% of Alaska’s CO<sub>2</sub>  
9               emissions, and

10       **WHEREAS,** Allowance for drilling in ANWR is inconstant, as the United States Senate  
11               shifts back and forth from Democratic to Republican control; now ,therefore, be it

12       **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that ANWR shall be named a national  
13               park to preserve the area, therefore protecting the land and wildlife from oil  
14               drilling.

*Introduced for Debate by Helix Charter High School*