

A bill to close the gender gap in congress

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. This bill prohibits discrimination based on sex in congress.

SECTION 2.

- Sex n. - either of the two main categories (male and female) into which humans and most other living things are divided on the basis of their reproductive functions.

SECTION 3. The Department of Labor and/or the Department of Justice will oversee the enforcement of this bill, and there will be one male and female representative in Senate.

SECTION 4. The bill will be implemented on January 1, 2023, until further notice.

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

- *Respectfully submitted,*
Rep. Bhavani Sriram
Half Hollow Hills High School East

A Bill to Impose Economic Sanctions On China to Stop Uyghur Abuse

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall impose a sanction on all textile goods from the
2 People’s Republic of China until they cease all human rights abuse against
3 Uyghur People. A year after the aforementioned sanction is imposed, if the
4 audit detailed in section 3 determines that China’s action against the Uyghur
5 people has not ceased, the U.S. will establish an embargo on all trade with
6 China until China ceases Uyghur abuse.

7 **SECTION 2.** “Uyghur human rights abuse” shall be defined as government-sponsored
8 abuse, including, but is not limited to, forced labor, religious
9 discrimination, political imprisonment, forced sterilization, genocide and
10 other forms of discrimination against the Uyghur people for their religion.

11 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. The Department of Commerce, U.S. The Department of State, and
12 U.S. The Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control
13 shall oversee the sanctions from section 1.

14 A. The U.S. The Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor shall
15 annually conduct an audit on the status of Uyghur abuse.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage. All laws in
17 conflict with this legislation shall hereby be declared null and void.

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A Bill To Outlaw Private Detention Facilities Used For Federal Inmates

1. **Section 1.** The United States' Federal Government shall invoke eminent domain
2. for all prisons and other detention facilities that are privately owned to any degree.
3. **Section 2.** Owners of these properties shall be compensated with fair market based value
4. compensation.
5. **Section 3.** All former employees of these facilities shall be entitled to a federal
6. correctional officer job at equal rank and pay to their previous position, after being
7. deemed fit by a governmental review board.
8. **Section 4.** Concurrently, all non-violent non-US-citizen inmates held in formerly
9. privatized facilities shall be deported to their country of origin in order to decrease
10. overpopulation and costs.
11. **Section 5.** The Federal Department of Justice, and The Federal Bureau of Prisons shall
12. oversee the process of eminent domain, as well as fund it, and administrative duties of
13. these facilities, respectively.
14. **Section 6.** This bill shall be enacted law on January 1st, 2023.
15. **Section 7.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rep. Stephen Schmidt, and Rep. Aidan James Smith

Cold Spring Harbor Jr./Sr. High School

A Bill to Provide Research Grants to Organizations Researching a Cure to Alzheimer's

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A one-time \$150,000 grant can be applied for, for any organization
3 seeking to find a cure for Alzheimer's.

4 **SECTION 2.** A research grant will be defined as a sum of money given by a
5 government or other organization for a particular purpose. An
6 organization will be defined as an organized group of people with a
7 particular purpose, such as a business or government department.

8 **SECTION 3.** This will be implemented by the U.S. Department of Health and Human
9 Services (DHH). The money for the grants will be drawn from the current
10 DHH annual budget.

11 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented on January 1st, 2023. All laws in conflict with
12 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Syosset High School.

Saving Children from Manipulative Video Games Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- Section 1.** Microtransactions in video games shall be forbidden, except in games rated “M for Mature” or “AO for Adult Only” according to the ESRB. In-store purchases of video games rated M or AO shall require a valid photo identification from the purchaser indicating an age of no less than 18 years.
- Section 2.** “Microtransactions” shall be defined as transactions wherein the user receives a randomized or partially randomized reward in return for monetary value (so-called "loot-boxes"), or which grant user a benefit which eases their progression in the game in a manner not directly attainable without said transaction.
- (A) This legislation shall not be deemed to affect sequels or expansion packs to games.
- Section 3.** The Federal Trade Commission shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation and all other committees involved. A violation of this Act shall be treated as a violation of a rule defining an unfair or deceptive act or practice prescribed under section 18(a)(1)(B) of the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 4 57A(a)(1)(B)). Offenders will be subject to a civil penalty of no less than \$1500 per unit sold in violation of this Act.
- Section 4.** This law shall go into effect six months from the date of passage.
- Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Xavier High School

Prelims

A Bill to Reinstate the Keystone XL Pipeline

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States Congress will reinstate the building of the Keystone XL Pipeline by establishing that this pipeline would no longer require a permit from the president and by giving Congress the authority to issue the Keystone XL Pipeline's permit.

SECTION 2. On his first day in office, President Biden revoked the permit that was previously given to TC Energy to build the Keystone XL Pipeline. This pipeline was designed to transport crude oil from Canada to Midwestern states throughout the US.

SECTION 3. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), with the support of Congress, will supervise the safe reinstatement of the Keystone XL Pipeline.

SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect immediately after its passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Ilenia Graffagnino

Sacred Heart Academy

A Bill to Ensure Consumer Data Security

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Every company that records or stores any consumer data will be required
3 to satisfy a bare minimum level of encryption and follow proper data
4 breach notification procedures.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Bare minimum level of encryption” will be defined as a level of
6 encryption that protects consumer data, the specific types or levels of
7 encryption will be determined by the Department of Homeland Security
8 on a case by case basis. “Proper data breach notifications” will be defined
9 as notifying the consumer immediately after any data is in any way
10 transferred off a company server without prior knowledge and written
11 consent from the consumer.

12 **SECTION 3.** The DHS will oversee implantation of this bill and will create encryption
13 standards for companies to follow. \$100,000 of the DHS budget shall be
14 made available to companies that do not have adequate funds or
15 infrastructure for this encryption. Usage of these funds will be left to the
16 DHS. B. Failure to do so will result in a \$500,000 fine.

17 **SECTION 4.** The standards for data breach notification will go into effect immediately,
18 and the encryption standards will come into effect 6 months after
19 passage. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
20 and void.

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7 particular purpose, such as a business or government department.

8 **SECTION 3.** This will be implemented by the U.S. Department of Health and Human
9 Services (DHH). The money for the grants will be drawn from the current
10 DHH annual budget.

11 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented on January 1st, 2023. All laws in conflict with
12 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Syosset High School.

A Bill to Protect Taiwan From Invasion

Section 1. The United States shall recognize Taiwan as an independent nation. As such, formal and open diplomatic relations shall be established with the Republic of China government. The U.S. shall send 50,000 United States soldiers to Taiwan who shall fight militarily to protect the island in the event of war. The United States shall supply any weapons to Taiwan at the request of Taiwan.

Section 2. Taiwan shall be defined as any and all areas controlled by the Republic of China government as of November 2022.

Section 3. The U.S. State Department will oversee only parts of this legislation related to recognition of Taiwan and establishing diplomatic relations. The U.S. Department of Defence shall oversee the implementation of all other aspect of this legislation.

Section 4. This legislation will go into effect immediately after passing.

Section 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. David Abrams

Half Hollow Hills High School East

A Bill to Outlaw Citizens Arrest

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Ordinary civilians should not be in charge of arresting other civilians. Citizen's arrests are lawful in certain limited situations and in certain states, such as when a private citizen personally witnesses a violent crime and then detains the perpetrator. However, this act may be unsafe to the person being arrested and the person arresting the civilian.

SECTION 2. Citizen's arrest is an arrest made by a private citizen, in contrast to the typical arrest made by a police officer.

SECTION 3. The United States Department of Justice will oversee this piece of legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall go into effect on January 1, 2024.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Sabrina Gizzi
Half Hollow Hills High School East*

A BILL TO DECRIMINALIZE DRUGS IN THE UNITED STATES

1. **Section 1.** All drug use in the United States shall be decriminalized and the
2. funds used for jailing people with drug histories will be put towards increasing
3. funding to existing residential rehabilitation facilities for former drug users
4. **Section 2.** “Decriminalize” is defined as the removal of criminal penalties;
5. “drugs” is defined as narcotics, depressants, stimulants, hallucinogens, and
6. anabolic steroids as listed under the Controlled Substances Act.
7. **Section 3.** The Drug Enforcement Agency and The Justice Department will carry
8. out the decriminalization of penalties of drug use in the United States
9. **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 1st, 2023.
10. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Spencer Friedland

Half Hollow Hills High School East

A RESOLUTION TO REMOVE TURKEY FROM NATO TO

SAVE LIVES

1 **WHEREAS**, Turkey invaded a foreign sovereign state Syria with imperialistic
2 intentions,

3 **WHEREAS**, Attacking a foreign state that has recently been through a civil war
4 puts stress on their people and their government which may lead to loss of life,

5 **WHEREAS**, Allowing The Republic of Turkey to attack Syria and collaborate
6 with Russia can lead to a former ally aligning themselves with our greatest enemy,

7 **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled make the following
8 recommendation to The North Atlantic Treaty Organization to remove Turkey
9 from NATO.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Spencer Friedland

Half Hollow Hills High School East

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A BILL TO PROMOTE MORE FUNDING FOR EQUAL HEALTHCARE FOR ALL
BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The funding that people receive in order to receive high-quality Healthcare is not enough to improve the quality of life of every human being. The United States Government and Health and Human Services Department will grant more funding to people's health in order to achieve equality, as well as improve the health of everyone. We will be raising 40 billion dollars. We will be getting this money by decreasing the military budget by twenty billion dollars and adding a one percent tax to those making 100,000 dollars per person or 200,000 dollars as a family. The funding for this healthcare will be directed towards those who earn under 40,000 dollars per year as an individual or 80,000 dollars a year as a family. This money will be directed towards basic health care costs such as dental, primary, and mental health services.

SECTION 2. "Healthcare" is defined as the prevention, treatment, and management of illness for the benefit of physical and mental well-being.

SECTION 3. The U.S Health and Human Services Department will oversee the implementation of this bill.

A. The Health and Human Services Department will allocate the resources to do the most good however they see fit.

SECTION 4. This change in budget will take effect on January 1, 2024.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Ellina Koo
Half Hollow Hills High School East*

A Bill to Implement a Carbon Tax

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** A carbon tax shall hereby be imposed of initially \$60 per metric ton of CO₂
2 emitted by for-profit companies, which shall initially only be applied to
3 companies that emit greater than 30 metric tons of CO₂ per year. However,
4 after 2035, the tax shall be applied to all for-profit companies and shall be
5 \$100 per metric ton of CO₂ emitted. The tax revenue generated shall go to
6 The Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) of the
7 United States Department of Energy to aid the transition from fossil fuels to
8 environmentally sustainable energy.

9 **SECTION 2.** “Company carbon emissions” is defined as carbon gas emissions that are
10 influenced by the direct decisions of for-profit corporations (which do
11 business in the U.S., onshore or offshore) for each calendar year. Direct
12 emissions includes, but is not limited to, all emissions from the supply
13 chain, logistics, usage phase, transportation, and which the company
14 directly oversees and is directly responsible for.

15 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service shall implement a tax of \$60 per metric ton of
16 carbon emitted per calendar year (above the threshold of 30 tons of CO₂)
17 for U.S. based for-profit organizations

18 A. After 2035, there shall not be a threshold of 30 tons of CO₂, and every
19 metric ton of CO₂ which for-profit companies emit will be taxed

20 B. After 2035, the tax per metric ton of CO₂ emitted by each company per
21 calendar year shall be raised to \$100

22 The taxes will go toward the The Office of Energy Efficiency and
23 Renewable Energy (EERE) of the United States Department of Energy

24 A. the EERE will use these taxes to aid the transition away from fossil
25 fuels to renewable, environmentally sustainable energy

26 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2024. All laws in conflict with this
27 legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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A Bill to Ban Fracking

1 BE IT ENACTED BY STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

2 Section 1. This bill prohibits federal agencies from issuing permits for the
3 expansion of fracking or fracked oil and natural gas infrastructure,
4 including infrastructure intended to extract, transport, or burn natural
5 gas or oil. By 2030 all fracking permits will be revoked. By 2030 the
6 United States will be fracking free.

7 Section 2. “Hydraulic fracturing or fracking is a process to extract underground
8 resources such as oil or gas from a geologic formation by injecting
9 water, a propping agent (e.g., sand), and chemical additives into a
10 well under enough pressure to fracture the geological formation.”

11 Section 3. The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Agency
12 shall be deemed responsible for implementing this bill

13 Section 4. Upon passage, this legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2023

14 Section 5. All laws that conflict with this will be declared null and void

Respectfully submitted, Representative Krishiv Dhupar from Syosset High School

A Resolution to Modify the UN Security Council Veto Process

1 **WHEREAS,** The system which currently governs vetoes within the United Nations
2 Security Council (UNSC) is undemocratic; and
3 **WHEREAS,** One member state out of 15 voting member states can destroy a solution
4 for peace by exercising an insurmountable veto; and
5 **WHEREAS,** Many permanent member states of the UNSC are operating from a purely
6 self- interested position and, in turn, often fail to work for global progress;
7 now, therefore, be it
8 **RESOLVED,** That the United States urges the United Nations to revise the Security
9 Council veto process to ensure a two-thirds majority vote can override any
10 veto within the UNSC.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Xaverian HS.

A Bill to Close All Foreign Military Bases

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Within ten years of the passage of this legislation, all U.S. military bases
2 situated within foreign countries shall be closed, their troops and
3 personnel returned to the U.S., and their land and facilities returned
4 unconditionally to each respective nation.

5 **SECTION 2.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Defense.

6 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

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A Bill to Establish Term Limits for Supreme Court Justices

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The term of Justices on the Supreme Court of the United States shall not exceed 15 years.

SECTION 2. (A) As a Justice's term expires, the President shall nominate a replacement not more than 60 days prior to the scheduled end of said term.

(B) The term limits enacted by this legislation shall not be construed to apply to Justices serving on the court at the instant this bill is enacted into law.

(C) No Justice may be nominated by the President if they have previously served on the Supreme Court.

SECTION 3. This bill will go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Xavier High School