

# **North Texas Longhorns NSDA District Congressional Debate Items 2024**

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# Item 1.1 - The Safe Ingredients in Nationwide Grooming and Hair Products (S.I.N.G.H.) Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** All cosmetic companies in the United States shall limit the use of designated carcinogenic ingredients, and new subsidies shall be allocated to research alternatives to these materials.

**SECTION 2.** Carcinogenic ingredients shall be defined as substances or agents causing cancer, including formaldehyde donors like imidazolidinyl urea, quaternium 15, and DMDM hydantoin and ethoxylated compounds like laureth-4 and ethylene glycol.

**SECTION 3.** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will be responsible for implementing this legislation.

A. The packaging of each unit sold must clearly display the presence and hazards of carcinogenic ingredients within the formulation and the health risks associated with prolonged exposure.

B. Companies must demonstrate at least a 50% reduction in the usage of carcinogenic chemicals in individual unit formulation prior to the implementation of this legislation. A report will be conducted annually by the FDA to assess the possibility of further chemical restrictions depending on company capabilities and formula research advancements.

C. Companies will be fined on a per unit basis, and the fine shall be equivalent to twice the dollar value of the merchandise violating regulations sold.

D. Subsidies will be allocated towards cosmetics companies to further formula research and expedite advancements in reducing quantities of these chemicals depending on budget allocations made in FY 2025.

E. The NIH will be tasked with conducting increased research surrounding potential carcinogenic chemicals in cosmetics and providing an annual report to the FDA so the latter may change stipulations accordingly.

F. The FDA will be allocated \$500 million annually to fulfill these responsibilities.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2025. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Flower Mound High School.*

# Item 1.2 - A Bill to Breathe Free: Remove All Cars with High Carbon Monoxide Pollutants to Lower Global Pollution Rates

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1   **SECTION 1.**   The Department of Transportation (DOT) shall implement measures to prohibit the  
2                   operation of motor vehicles with high carbon monoxide emissions within U.S. cities  
3                   characterized by elevated pollution levels. Exceptions to this prohibition shall apply  
4                   solely to government-owned cars.

5   **SECTION 2.**   Motor Vehicles with High Carbon Monoxide Emissions shall be defined as vehicles  
6                   that emit carbon monoxide from their internal combustion engines.

7   **SECTION 3.**   The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Environmental Pollution  
8                   Prevention Agency (EPA) shall jointly oversee the enforcement and execution of this  
9                   legislation.

10                   A. Any individual found violating this prohibition shall be subject to a fine of \$1,500  
11                   for the initial offense, with penalties doubling upon each subsequent offense. After  
12                   accumulating five fines, the violator must appear before a court of law.

13                   B. Individuals currently possessing a motor vehicle with carbon monoxide  
14                   emissions shall receive compensation equivalent to the vehicle's value in cash,  
15                   enabling them to purchase an electric vehicle (EV) or a low-emission alternative.

16                   C. The U.S. Environmental Pollution Prevention Agency shall see a high and sharp  
17                   decrease in Carbon Monoxide levels around the USA. This bill will be considered  
18                   void if Carbon Monoxide Levels remain high after 180 days of implementation.

19   **SECTION 4.**   This legislation shall take effect within 60 days of being enacted by Congress. Any  
20                   existing laws in conflict with this legislation shall be rendered null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lebanon Trail High School.*

## Item 1.3 - A Resolution to Lower the Voting Age for All Federal, State, and Local Elections

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   The principles of our democracy are founded on the fundamental right of citizens to  
2                   participate in the electoral process and have a say in the governance of our nation;  
3                   and
- 4   **WHEREAS,**   Civic and political engagement play a crucial role in shaping the future of a  
5                   democratic society; and
- 6   **WHEREAS,**   16 and 17-year-olds have a great interest in the policies and decisions made by their  
7                   governments, as these decisions directly impact their lives, education,  
8                   employment, and well-being; and
- 9   **WHEREAS,**   The current failure to lower the voting age to 16 has resulted in underrepresentation  
10                  and diminished civic engagement among younger individuals, leading to their  
11                  exclusion from critical decisions affecting their lives; and
- 12   **WHEREAS,**   Denying 16 and 17-year-olds the right to vote has perpetuated taxation without  
13                  representation, as they are already subject to various taxes, including sales tax and  
14                  payroll tax, without the right to influence the allocation of these tax revenues; and
- 15   **WHEREAS,**   The lack of political involvement among younger citizens is resulting in policies and  
16                  decisions that do not adequately address their unique concerns, needs, and  
17                  aspirations; now, therefore, be it
- 18   **RESOLVED,**   That the Congress here assembled acknowledges the unintended repercussions of  
19                  the current voting age, including underrepresentation and diminished civic  
20                  engagement among younger individuals; and be it
- 21   **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled introduces and passes a legislation that  
22                  will lower the voting age to 16 for all federal, state, and local elections following the  
23                  principles of democracy and equal representation.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Clark High School.*

# Item 1.4 - A Bill to Extend Federal Support for Labor Unions

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The federal government shall extend coverage of the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA) to employees outside of the private sector to public sector employees as well.

**SECTION 2.** A. Labor Unions shall be defined as an organization of workers that protect the rights and interests of said workers.

B. Private sector means a part of the economy which consists of companies whose motive for business is for profit and are not state controlled.

**SECTION 3.** This legislation will be enforced by the Department of Labor.

A. Employees outside of the private sector include those working in education, emergency response, agriculture, etc.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jasper High School.*

## Item 1.5 - Aid for Syria's Humanity (ASH) Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The United States shall allocate funds to provide both financial support to the Syrian National Coalition (SNC) and humanitarian aid to those affected by the conflict, with the primary objective of defeating the Assad regime, stabilizing Syria, and ensuring the well-being of the Syrian population.

**SECTION 2.** A. This financial assistance for the SNC shall have an allocated budget of \$50 million annually for the next five years. These funds shall be used to bolster the opposition forces, enhance their capacity, and promote their efforts to establish a democratic government in Syria.

B. This humanitarian assistance shall have an allocated budget of \$100 million annually for the next five years. This assistance shall include, but not be limited to, food, shelter, medical care, and education.

**SECTION 3.** A. The Department of State shall oversee the allocation of the financial support, ensuring that it is utilized in support of the Syrian National Coalition's efforts to establish a democratic government and promote peace and stability in Syria.

B. The Defense Intelligence Agency shall provide intelligence and analysis support to identify areas of need and ensure the safe delivery of aid.

C. The Department of Justice shall oversee the distribution of this humanitarian aid, ensuring it reaches those in need without diversion or misuse.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Plano East Senior High School.*

## Item 2.1 - A Resolution to Incentivize Naloxone Distribution in Public Schools

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   The distribution and consumption of fentanyl has evolved into a national crisis  
2                   within United States public schools, resulting in the deaths of otherwise healthful  
3                   students and hindering educational progress; and
- 4   **WHEREAS,**   Last year, there were over 1,146 teen deaths attributed to fatal fentanyl overdoses  
5                   in America and more than 77% of adolescent overdoses in 2022 were ascribed to  
6                   fentanyl; and
- 7   **WHEREAS,**   Fentanyl is nearly 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than  
8                   morphine, and can be easily combined with or lace doses of other drugs without the  
9                   user’s knowledge; and
- 10   **WHEREAS,**   The ready availability and easy access to opioid overdose treatment medication for  
11                   students would reduce deaths caused by delayed medical attention and save  
12                   countless lives; and
- 13   **WHEREAS,**   The ongoing opioid epidemic is negatively interfering with education and safety in  
14                   public schools on a national scale; now, therefore, be it
- 15   **RESOLVED,**   That the Congress here assembled provide educational grants to public schools  
16                   which agree to distribute federally-supplied naloxone to students and teachers  
17                   across the nation and allow said students to carry it on their persons regardless of  
18                   other campus medication regulation procedures and rules.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Clark High School.*

## Item 2.2 - A Bill to Reduce Prescription Drug Prices to Increase Overall Accessibility

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1   **SECTION 1.**   Congress finds that high prescription drug prices in the United States negatively  
2                   impact public health and impose financial hardships on patients, so therefore it  
3                   shall be unlawful for any pharmaceutical manufacturer to charge excessive prices  
4                   for prescription drugs.

5   **SECTION 2.**   Excessive prices are defined as:

6                   A.   Prices that exceed the median price charged for the same drug in other  
7                   comparable industrialized countries.

8                   B.   Annual price increases exceed the rate of inflation.

9                   C.   Prices that exceed the costs of research, development, production, and a  
10                  reasonable profit margin being between 4 to 9 percent instead of the normality  
11                  in the drug industry of 10 to 20 percent.

12   **SECTION 3.**   The Secretary of Health and Human Services will have the authority to issue  
13                   compulsory licenses for excessively priced drugs, allowing generic versions to be  
14                   manufactured. Royalty payments to the patent holder will be required.

15   **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025. All laws in conflict with  
16                   this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Flower Mound High School.*



## Item 2.3 - A Bill to Remove all Microplastics from Food and Water to Ensure Public Health and Safety

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1   **SECTION 1.**   A microplastic is defined as plastic particles under 5 millimeters in size. According  
2                   to current research, we may be consuming as much as 5 grams of plastic a week, or  
3                   five pen caps' worth. According to the National Library of Medicine, "Microplastics  
4                   can act as a medium for environmental toxic substances such as bisphenol A,  
5                   which are absorbed into the body and cause various diseases of the endocrine  
6                   system and reproductive system."

7   **SECTION 2.**   To ensure public health and safety, this bill will require all manufacturers of  
8                   consumable goods to remove all microplastics from any consumable materials  
9                   being manufactured. The punishment for violating this bill will be a \$500,000 fine for  
10                  the first two infractions, and the subsequent shutdown of the manufacturer on the  
11                  third.

12   **SECTION 3.**   The Food and Drugs Administration will oversee the inspection of foods around the  
13                   US to determine if they contain microplastics.

14                  A.   The FDA will inspect manufacturers who make at least \$50 million yearly for  
15                   microplastics.

16                  B.   Random samples will be taken from factories to ensure the success of the  
17                   FDA's inspections.

18   **SECTION 4.**   This bill will go into effect 2 months after passage of this bill. All laws in conflict with  
19                   this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lebanon Trail High School.*

## Item 2.4 - A Bill to Assist the Indian Military

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The U.S. government shall begin to increase assistance to the military of the Republic of India.

A. Monetary aid shall include an annual of 1.5 billion dollars to the Indian government for the next 5 years.

B. The U.S. government shall begin joint training operations with the Indian military.

C. The U.S.A. shall supply U.S military technology to the Indian military.

**SECTION 2.** U.S. military technology can be defined as technology developed in the U.S. specifically for military purposes. Including but not limited to vehicles, weapons, and munitions.

**SECTION 3.** The implementation of this bill shall be overseen by the Department of Defense along with the Department of State.

A. The purpose of this bill is to foster relations between India and the U.S. amidst increasing tensions in Asia.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in FY 2025. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jasper High School.*