

SS #1

A Bill to Encourage Sustainable Business Practices

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States government shall introduce Green Innovation Tax Credits
2 to provide financial incentives for businesses actively investing in and
3 developing innovative green technologies.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** "Green Innovation" shall refer to the research, development, and
5 implementation of technologies that contribute to environmental
6 sustainability, including but not limited to renewable energy,
7 energy-efficient practices, waste reduction, and eco-friendly manufacturing
8 processes.
- 9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy (DOE) shall oversee the enforcement of this
10 policy. The DOE will collaborate with relevant federal agencies to define
11 and update qualifying criteria for green innovation projects. The DOE shall
12 have the authority to investigate and ensure compliance with the tax credit
13 program, with penalties for businesses found in violation
- 14 A. The DOE shall establish a transparent and accessible application
15 process for businesses to qualify for green innovation tax credits,
16 ensuring fair and consistent evaluation.
- 17 B. Regular reports shall be submitted to Congress detailing the impact and
18 effectiveness of the tax credit program in promoting green innovation
- 19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2026. All laws in conflict with
20 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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SS #2

**A Resolution to Encourage U.S. Cities to Ban Motor Vehicles
from Downtown Areas**

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Privately-owned motor vehicle traffic is an impediment to the pedestrian
2 activities that are the beating heart of the downtown areas of cities; and
3 **WHEREAS,** Privately-owned motor vehicle traffic reduces the efficacy of public
4 transportation in urban areas; and
5 **WHEREAS,** Privately-owned motor vehicle traffic is a major source of air pollution both
6 within cities and elsewhere; now, therefore be it
7 **RESOLVED,** by the Congress here assembled that U.S. cities of all sizes are encouraged
8 to establish privately-owned, motor-vehicle-free zones in their downtown
9 areas to promote pedestrian activities, encourage use of public
10 transportation, and reduce air pollution; and
11 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Congress commends New York City (Central Park), among many
12 other US communities both large and small, for already taking steps in this
13 direction.
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SS #3

A Resolution to Increase Investment in Nuclear Energy

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Current dependence on oil and natural gas is unsustainable, but solar and
2 wind technology are not ready to power large swaths of the United States,
3 while nuclear energy both produces little harm to the environment and has
4 the capacity to produce adequate power; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Wind and solar power produce energy an approximate 35% and 25% of the
6 time, respectively, while nuclear plants operate at full capacity about 93%
7 of the time, resulting in efficacy rates that are over 1.5 times higher than
8 production reaped from natural gas; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** The use of oil, coal, and natural gas has resulted in rampant pollution,
10 permanently threatening the health of Americans and the long-term
11 sustainability of ecosystems, necessitating a high-capacity energy
12 production alternative; and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** If carbon emissions continue at their current rate, sea levels are predicted
14 to rise another 2 inches, endangering the lives of an approximate 10 million
15 people and causing irreversible damage that will demand retrospective and
16 reparative action to mitigate harms; now, therefore, be it
- 17 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation to
18 the Environmental Protection Agency and individual states to prioritize
19 funding in the nuclear energy sectors.
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