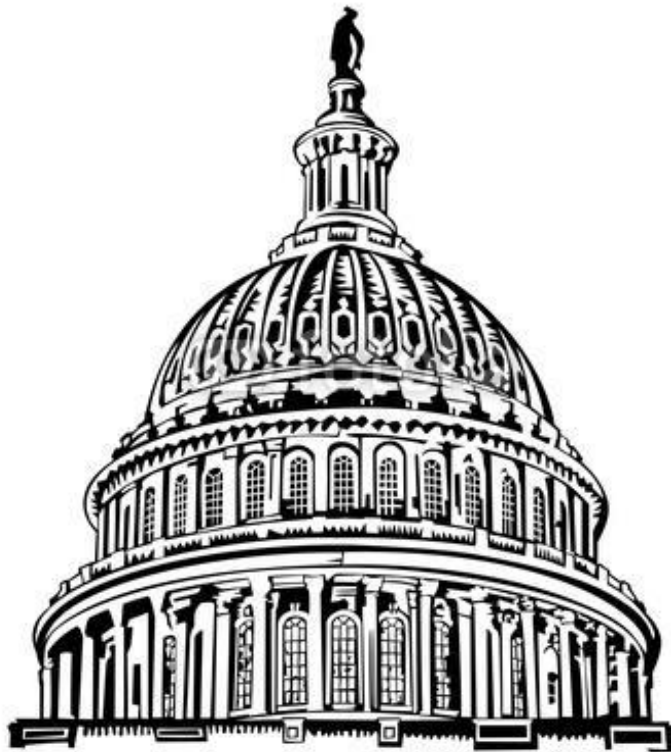


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B1 - A Bill to Abolish the TSA to Implement AI Security Screening at U.S. Airports

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) shall be abolished, and
3 its airport security screening responsibilities shall be replaced with an AI-
4 powered security system to monitor and check passengers at airport
5 checkpoints.

6 **SECTION 2.** "AI-powered security system" shall be defined as an artificial intelligence-
7 based technology that uses biometric data, behavioral analysis, and
8 automated risk detection to identify potential security threats. "Airport
9 checkpoints" shall refer to areas where passengers and luggage are
10 screened before boarding flights.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will oversee the
12 implementation of the AI-powered security system.

13 A. DHS shall collaborate with the private sector to develop, install, and
14 maintain AI screening technologies at airports nationwide.

15 B. All personnel currently employed by TSA will be given options for
16 reassignment within DHS or offered assistance for job relocation.

17 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented on January 1, 2029, allowing a four-year
18 transition period for the deployment of AI systems at all U.S. airports.

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

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B2 - A Bill to Establish a Carbon Tax in at-Risk Areas

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** Facilities receiving subsidies from the United States federal
- 3 government will be banned from releasing carbon emissions exceeding 10
- 4 metric tons in areas where the air quality index is deemed “dangerous”.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** Dangerous air quality levels are defined as air quality index
- 6 values over 300.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Environmental Protection
- 8 and Internal Revenue Service will work in conjunction to oversee the
- 9 enforcement of this legislation.
- 10 a. Any facility found in violation of this legislation will face a carbon
- 11 tax of 10\$ per ton of CO₂ (Carbon Dioxide) emitted
- 12 b. 50% of collected tax money will invested into improving solid waste
- 13 management to reduce the open burning of waste and end large-scale
- 14 waste incineration
- 15 c. 50% of collected tax money will be invested into research and
- 16 development of renewable energy
- 17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the start of FY 2026.
- 18 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared
- 19 null and void.

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B3 - A Bill to Ban Deep Sea Mining

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The practice of deep sea mining is hereby prohibited within U.S.
3 Territorial Waters and within the United States Exclusive Economic Zone
4 (EEZ).

5 **SECTION 2.** A. "Mining" shall be defined as any activity aimed at recovering mineral
6 resources at a substantial rate for the purpose of commercially utilizing
7 such resources to earn a profit, whether such profit is ultimately
8 realized.

9 B. "Deep Sea" shall be defined as the seabed and subsoil at a depth of ten
10 meters or greater, within the U.S. Territorial Waters or the EEZ.).

11 **SECTION 3.** The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the U.S.
12 Coast Guard, and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) shall
13 be responsible for the enforcement of this Act.

14 A. Upon the first violation of this bill by an organization engaged in
15 deep sea mining, a fine of ten million dollars shall be imposed, in
16 addition to any costs required for environmental recovery.

17 B. Upon the second violation of this bill by the same organization, their
18 license to operate within the United States shall be suspended, and
19 their assets shall be seized for the purpose of funding environmental
20 recovery efforts.

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

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B4 - A Bill to Establish Rent Control Standards Nationwide to Ensure Housing Affordability

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** Nationwide rent control standards shall be established to cap annual rent
- 3 increases for residential properties at 3%, or the rate of inflation as
- 4 determined by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), whichever is lower.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** Rent control is defined as government regulations limiting the amount a
- 6 landlord can charge for leasing a home (including, but not limited to
- 7 houses, apartments, lofts, studios, condos) or renewing a lease.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will enforce
- 9 this legislation. HUD will collaborate with state and local housing agencies
- 10 to monitor compliance, manage disputes, and provide resources for
- 11 enforcement.
- 12 A. A federal grant program will be established to support state and local
- 13 housing agencies with enforcement costs, funded at \$500 million
- 14 annually.
- 15 B. Rent control standards shall apply to all rental properties, except
- 16 those participating in the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program,
- 17 which will continue to follow existing HUD guidelines.
- 18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2025. All laws in conflict with this
- 19 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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B5 - A Bill to Aid Myanmar

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall hereby donate and deliver \$200 million in
2 humanitarian aid to the citizens of Myanmar through Myanmar's
3 maritime border with Indonesia. US troops will be allotted as necessary to
4 deliver the aid to USAID representatives at the border.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** Humanitarian aid shall consist of a combination of agricultural
6 supplication, temporary housing, bottled water, and medical supplies,
7 including but not limited to; vaccines and first aid equipment.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of State in conjunction with USAID will be
9 responsible for the implementation and oversight of this bill.
- 10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented immediately upon passage.
- 11 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
12 void.

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B6 - A Bill to Nationally Legalize Sports Betting

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **ARTICLE I.** All forms of sports betting from national sportsbooks will be legal in the
3 UnitedStates and its territories.

4 **ARTICLE II. A:** Sports betting includes betting on all sports from national sports betting
5 companies. Semi-professional sports are legal in all states.

6 **B:** The federal government will impose a tax on sports betting of 15% on
5 sportsbooks on top of the original state tax. Tax funding will be discretionary
6 funding for Congress to allocate.

7 **ARTICLE III.** The Department of Commerce will oversee the implementation of this
8 legislation.

9 **ARTICLE IV.** The implementation date of this bill will be September 1, 2024.

10 **ARTICLE V.** All laws and regulations in conflict with this legislation will be hereby null
11 and void.

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B7 - A Bill to Revive the Company Town

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** All companies doing business in the United States that employ more
- 3 than 2,000 individuals will be required to provide affordable housing
- 4 for their employees no more than 25 miles from the company's place
- 5 of business.
- 6 A. Employees cannot be required to make use of their employer's
- 7 housing options, but the company must provide affordable
- 8 housing for all employees who request it.
- 9 B. Individuals' job performance and/or employment status at the
- 10 company cannot be used as grounds for eviction.
- 11 C. If the corporation has an excess of housing units, they may offer
- 12 these for rent or purchase to individuals who do not work for the
- 13 company.
- 14 **SECTION 2.** "Affordable housing" shall be defined as housing on which the
- 15 occupant is paying no more than 30% of their gross income for
- 16 housing costs, including utilities.
- 17 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be implemented by the U.S. Department of
- 18 Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- 19 **SECTION 4.** The legislation shall take effect October 1, 2030. All laws in conflict
- 20 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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B8 - A Bill to Remove Troops from South Korea

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will withdraw all of its remaining military personnel from
3 South Korea effective immediately. Military support will still be available for
4 South Korean use, if needed.

5 **SECTION 2.** Military support shall be defined as military aid and US military operations
6 in conjunction with South Korean forces.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense (DoD) and the US Department of State will
8 oversee implementation of this legislation.

9 A. The US Department of State will authorize distribution of military aid if
10 needed.

11 B. The US Department of State will conduct yearly audits to ensure proper
12 use of military aid, if distributed.

13 C. US military operations shall not be offensive, except in the case of
14 aggression from South Korean adversaries such as North Korea, China, and
15 Russia

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

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B9: A Bill to Impose a Sugar Tax

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government should implement a federal sugar
3 tax on any food and/or drink items that contains more than the five
4 percent recommended daily value (DV) of added sugar.

5 **SECTION 2.** Daily value shall be defined as the percentage that shows how much of a
6 nutrient in a serving of food contributes to the total diet.

7 Sugar shall be defined as a sweet crystalline substance obtained from
8 various plants, especially sugar cane and sugar beet, consisting essentially
9 of sucrose, and used as a sweetener in food and drink.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Internal Revenue
11 Service (IRS) will oversee the implementation of this bill. Any business not
12 in compliance will receive a fine of \$100,000.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with
14 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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B10: A Bill to Regulate A.I. in Healthcare

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The Secretaries of Commerce and Labor shall draft regulations and
2 transparency guidelines for AI used in decision-making. These must:

3 A. Require corporations to evaluate/report the socioeconomic
4 impacts of A.I.

5 B. Establish guidelines for federal fairness evaluations of AI

6 C. Impose penalties for discriminatory algorithms.

7 D. Require all AI algorithms to be audited and approved before
8 use, including those currently in operation

9 **SECTION 2.** Artificial Intelligence (AI) refers to systems that simulate human
10 intelligence for decision-making and operations. Automated decision
11 processes use technology to make choices without direct human input.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission will oversee the regulations and create a
13 Bureau of Artificial Intelligence Oversight. The FTC will also impose
14 penalties for violations of these regulations.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

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B11: A Bill to Ban Social Media Algorithms for Minors to Protect Youth Mental Health

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Social media platforms shall be prohibited from using algorithmic content
3 recommendations for users under the age of 18 to mitigate the negative
4 effects of social media addiction and mental health deterioration among
5 minors.

6 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation “Algorithmic content
7 recommendations” refer to the use of artificial intelligence or data-driven
8 systems that curate and suggest personalized content based on user
9 behavior.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) shall oversee enforcement by:

11 A. Requiring social media platforms to implement age verification
12 systems and default feeds to chronological order it was posted for
13 minor users.

14 B. Imposing fines of up to \$500,000 per violation on platforms that fail to
15 comply.

16 C. Establishing a complaint process where minors and guardians can
17 report violations.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws in conflict
19 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void. All laws in conflict
20 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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B12: A Bill to Regulate the Use of Autonomous Vehicles in Commercial Transportation

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Autonomous vehicles shall be prohibited from being utilized in
3 commercial transportation services.

4 **SECTION 2.** Autonomous vehicles are defined as vehicles equipped with software and
5 technology that enable them to operate without active human control.
6 Commercial transportation services refer to services where vehicles are
7 hired or rented for temporary use by individuals or groups, including
8 rideshares and taxis.

9 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) shall be responsible for
10 enforcing the provisions of this legislation and developing safety
11 regulations to address potential software malfunctions in autonomous
12 vehicles used in any other contexts.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be effective immediately after passage.

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

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B13: A Bill to Aid the Democratic Republic of the Congo

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall hereby donate and deliver \$2.25 billion dollars in
3 humanitarian aid to the citizens of the Democratic Republic of the Congo

4 **SECTION 2.** Humanitarian aid shall include but not be limited to: bottled water,
5 medical supplies, and first-aid equipment

6 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of State in conjunction with USAID will be
7 responsible for the implementation and oversight of this bill.

8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

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B14: A Bill to Prohibit the Launch of LEO Satellites

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall prohibit the launch of Low
- 3 Earth Orbit (LEO) Satellites by private corporations.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** A LEO Satellite is defined as a piece of electronic equipment that circles in
- 5 low Earth orbit (LEO) at an altitude of 2,000 Kilometers or less.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) will oversee
- 7 and enforce this legislation.
- 8 A. Illegally launched LEO Satellites shall be disabled and moved to
- 9 end-of-life disposal orbits at the expense of the private corporation
- 10 which originally launched the device.
- 11 B. Any private corporation out of compliance will incur an additional fine
- 12 of up to \$1,000,000 per illegally launched LEO Satellite.
- 13 C. Private corporations illegally launching ten or more LEO Satellites,
- 14 shall have their business license permanently revoked.
- 15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025.
- 16 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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B15: A Bill to Reallocate Funds from Fossil Fuel to Nuclear Energy

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Because fossil fuels are predicted to disappear by 2060, the US should
3 stop investing in fossil fuels and reallocate those funds to nuclear energy.

4 **SECTION 2.** A) Fossil fuels are energy sources, including oil, coal, and natural gas,
5 that are non-renewable resources that formed when prehistoric
6 plants and animals died and were gradually buried by layers of rock.

7 B) Nuclear energy is a form of energy produced through fission (when
8 the nuclei of atoms split into several parts) or fusion (when nuclei
9 fuse together).

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy will oversee the enforcement of this bill. Over a
11 ten year period, the US budget will

12 A) Reduce allocations to fossil fuels by 10% each year

13 B) Increase allocations to nuclear energy by 10% each year

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2026 and be gradually implemented
15 over a ten-year period. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby
16 declared null and void.

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B16: A Bill to Reallocate Funds from Fossil Fuel to Nuclear Energy

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** In recognition of the vital work they perform to keep American society
3 functioning, a basic income shall be created for stay-at-home parents. This
4 income shall be available on an application basis.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Basic Income” shall be defined as a monthly payment of \$1,000, which
6 will be paid directly to stay-at-home parents. “Stay-at-home parents” shall be
7 defined as any parent who is unemployed but primarily raises and supervises
8 one or more children.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service shall be authorized to collect a 2% annual
10 tax on the net worth of households and trusts above \$50 million, which shall be
11 used to fund the basic income.

12 A. The United States Social Security Administration shall be responsible for
13 verifying applicant’s eligibility to receive the basic income and for
14 distributing the basic income to eligible applicants.

15 B. The Department of Justice shall be given the authority to prosecute
16 fraudulent applicants. Fraudulent applications shall carry a fine of no less
17 than \$1,000 per application.

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

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B17: A Bill to Implement Ranked Choice Voting to Reform Federal Elections

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall require Ranked Choice Voting for elections for both
3 Senators and Representatives in all states. The House elections shall use
4 Multi-Member Districts to choose representatives.

5 **SECTION 2.** Ranked Choice Voting in conjunction with Multi-Member Districts will
6 replace the current election structure

7 A. Ranked Choice Voting is defined as a system where each voter
8 ranks candidates for an office in order of preference

9 B. For Multi-Member Districts, if a state is entitled to six or more
10 Representatives in Congress, the State shall establish a number of
11 districts for the election of Representatives in the State that is less
12 than the number of Representatives which the state is entitled,
13 and Representatives shall be elected only from districts so
14 established

15 C. Each district must have equal population as practicable per the
16 U.S Constitution

17 D. Each district elects 3 to 5 representatives.

18 E. The number of representatives shall be the total U.S population
19 divided by the population of the smallest state

20 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Commission will oversee the enforcement of this
21 legislation. \$2 billion dollars shall be allocated towards the process of
22 adopting the RCV system. Such funding shall be used for equipment,
23 software, and infrastructure necessary for the system.

24 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026.

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

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R1: A Resolution to Ensure South China Sea Environmental and Aquatic Sustainability (South China S.E.A.S)

1 **WHEREAS**, it has been observed that military destruction of marine habitat in the
2 South China Sea causes food chain and marine biodiversity
3 destruction; and

4 **WHEREAS**, The United States Government will push for a global demilitarized
5 zone in the South China Sea; and

6 **WHEREAS**, The border of the South China Sea will be defined as the area from the
7 Chinese 9-dash line, stretching from the southernmost tip of the
8 Republic of China (ROC) to the southernmost tip of the Socialist
9 Republic of Vietnam (SRV) and the northernmost tip of Brunei
10 Darussalam (BD); now, therefore be it

11 **RESOLVED**, That the United States Environmental Protection Agency is
12 encouraged to cooperate with other private and government
13 organizations to preserve the marine habitat; and, be it

14 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, Private organizations and corporations may still access the
15 South China Sea but may not bring an armed force, which is defined
16 as a force that can launch projectiles or is trained or created to cause
17 physical injury or death, into the zone.

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R2: A Resolution to End Military Support for Taiwan

1 **WHEREAS**, CROSS-STRAIT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF
2 CHINA (PRC) AND THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA(ROC) HAVE BECOME AN
3 INCREASINGLY TENTATIVE ISSUE FOR REGIONAL AND GLOBAL
4 SECURITY; AND
5 **WHEREAS**, WITH DEFENSE COMMITMENTS TO TAIWANESE STRINGING THE
6 UNITED STATES TO THE CONFLICT, US-CHINA RELATIONS HAVE SEEN
7 MASSIVE DETERIORATION ; AND
8 **WHEREAS**, CHINESE RETALIATION AND MILITARIZATION POSES AS A CRITICAL
9 HAZARD TO REGIONAL AND GLOBAL SECURITY ; AND
10 **WHEREAS**, AMERICAN ACTIVITIES IN TAIWAN HAVE SERVED AS A MAJOR
11 CATALYST FOR SAID CHINESE MOBILIZATION; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT
12 **RESOLVED**, THE UNITED STATES SHALL END MILITARY SUPPORT FOR TAIWAN;;
13 AND BE IT
14 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, THAT THE UNITED STATES, ALONG WITH REGIONAL
15 ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS ASEAN, SHALL WORK WITH THE PRC AND
16 ROC TO HOST CROSS-STRAIT NEGOTIATIONS TO DIFFUSE TENSIONS.

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R3: A Resolution to Regulate Automation

1 **WHEREAS**, Automation has been hailed as a solution to many problems, but its
2 widespread adoption has caused job loss and economic disruption for many
3 workers; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, The negative effects of automation on workers and communities must be
6 addressed in order to promote a fair and just society; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, The continued advancement and integration of automation into society will
9 only exacerbate these problems unless proper measures are put into place;
10 and
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12 **WHEREAS** Regulation automation is necessary to ensure that its benefits are shared
13 equitably among all members of society; now, therefore, be it
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15 **Resolved**, That the Congress here assembled calls for the implementation of strict
16 regulations on automation to protect workers and communities from the
17 harms caused by this technology; and
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19 **Further Resolved**, That these regulations should include measures to support workers
20 who have lost their jobs due to automation, such as training and retraining
21 programs and targeted investments in affected communities, as well as a tax
22 on the use of automated technologies.

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