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## **A Resolution to supply Nuclear Weaponry to Eastern European NATO allies**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The United States shall supply Nuclear Weaponry to Eastern European NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) allies as part of NATO's nuclear deterrence strategy.

**SECTION 2.** Poland, Hungary, and Romania will join Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium, and Turkey as part of NATO's nuclear sharing agreement. This agreement allows certain NATO members to have a role in nuclear defense, with the U.S. retaining sole control over the use of the weapons of mass destruction.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Defence (Department of War) shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation

A. Poland will receive 50 B-61 gravity bombs, which will be stationed at Redzikowo Missile Defense Base. B-61 gravity bombs are smaller non-strategic nuclear weapons.

B. Hungary and Romania will each receive 20 B-61 gravity bombs, which will be stationed at Kecskemét Air Base in Hungary and Deveselu Military Base in Romania.

C. If consent for the nuclear weapons is denied by a country, the offer to the country denying consent will be null and void.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jupiter Kirk, The Greene School - High School*

# A Bill to Ban Generative AI for Individuals Under the Age of 18

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** Individuals under 18 within the United States are prohibited from creating, using, or accessing generative artificial intelligence (AI) platforms except for the following limited circumstances:

1. Educational purposes explicitly verified by a school or an accredited educational institution; and
2. Verified health-related needs as determined by a licensed healthcare provider.

Generative AI platforms shall implement robust age-verification systems to prevent users under the age of 18 from creating accounts or accessing their services.

**SECTION 2.** Generative AI includes, but is not limited to:

- A. Large Language Models (LLMs) such as chatbots capable of producing human-like conversation or written material;
- B. Image, video, and audio generation platforms that create synthetic or manipulated media;
- C. Code-generation or data-generation tools that autonomously produce original outputs.

This definition does not apply to narrow AI systems used solely for functions such as search engines, calculators, or recommendation algorithms.

**SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) shall oversee the implementation of this legislation, and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) shall assist in enforcement. Platforms found in violation of this act will face penalties, including fines of up to \$10,000 per violation, and additional penalties as determined by the FTC.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Advaya Singh, Strath Haven HS.*

# Empowering Clean Outcomes (ECO) Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   A federal carbon tax of \$50 per metric ton of carbon dioxide equivalent  
2                   shall be levied on U.S. corporations at the point of production or import. In  
3                   addition, a border carbon adjustment tariff shall be imposed on imported  
4                   goods, taxing them at a rate equivalent to the domestic carbon tax based  
5                   on their carbon intensity.
- 6   **SECTION 2.**   Carbon dioxide equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub>e) shall be defined as the standard measure  
7                   of greenhouse gas emissions as recognized by the Environmental  
8                   Protection Agency (EPA).  
9                   Border carbon adjustment shall be defined as a tariff on imports that  
10                  accounts for the greenhouse gas emissions associated with their  
11                  production.
- 12   **SECTION 3.**   The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall oversee the  
13                   administration of the carbon tax.  
14                   US Customs and Border Protection (CBP), in coordination with the US  
15                   Department of Commerce, shall enforce the border carbon adjustment  
16                   tariff.  
17                   Revenues from the carbon tax shall be allocated as follows:  
18                   A. 50% towards clean energy investment and research,  
19                   B. 25% toward direct rebates to low- and middle-income households,  
20                   C. toward federal deficit reduction.
- 21   **SECTION 4.**   This legislation shall take effect on FY 2026. All laws in conflict with this  
22                   legislation are hereby declared null and void. All laws in conflict with this  
23                   legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rowen Vincent, Horace Greeley High School.*

# A Bill to Remove Sanctions on North Korea

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   The United States shall remove all current economic sanctions imposed on  
2                               North Korea
- 3   **SECTION 2.**   Economic sanctions shall be defined as sanctions that prevent the buying  
4                               of goods from North Korea and the selling of goods to North Korea
- 5   **SECTION 3.**   The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) will enforce the removal of  
6                               sanctions.
- 7                               A. Failure to lift the sanctions will result in a \$1 million deduction of the  
8                               Office of Foreign Assets Control budget.
- 9   **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect on August 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with  
10                              this legislation are hereby declared null and void.  
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*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Durham Academy.*

## A Bill to Jumpstart Domestic Rubber Production

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall establish a fund of \$2 billion per year for each of the next five years to  
3 increase domestic rubber production toward a goal of rubber independence.

4 **SECTION 2.** These funds shall be used to increase farming of guayule (*Parthenium argentatum*), Russian  
5 dandelion (*Taraxacum kok-saghyz*), and any other plants that may be used to produce  
6 rubber, as well as to build additional factories for the processing and refinement of rubber.  
7 These funds may also be used to expand and improve any infrastructure deemed necessary  
8 to this goal.

9 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Agriculture, which shall be  
10 responsible for disbursing and monitoring the use of these funds.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

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

## **A Bill to Remove the Social Security Cap**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** All payroll earnings shall henceforth be subject to the Social Security payroll tax, regardless  
3 of how much those earnings total each year.

4 **SECTION 2.** This legislation shall be jointly overseen by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Social  
5 Security Administration (SSA), with the latter organization specifically tasked with  
6 determining appropriate rates for those income levels that were not covered before this  
7 point.

8 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

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





## A Bill to Provide for Automatic Facial Copyrighting

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** All citizens and residents of the United States and its territories henceforth shall  
3 automatically possess full and unconditional copyright on their own faces and any images  
4 or likenesses thereof, excluding normal exceptions such as Fair Use.

5 **SECTION 2.** Any person, corporation, or other entity wishing to use a citizen or resident's face in a  
6 manner protected by copyright law must obtain explicit written permission and provide  
7 just compensation or face civil and, under extreme circumstances, criminal penalties. This  
8 shall include any future usage of faces by artificial intelligence services.

9 **SECTION 3.** When a citizen or resident passes away, the copyright to their face shall pass to their heirs  
10 of beneficiaries as part of their estate. If none are named, relevant laws of interstate  
11 succession shall come to bear. The copyright shall remain enforceable by its rightful  
12 owner(s) for 70 years following the death of its original owner, after which point the face in  
13 question shall enter the public domain. This provision shall not apply retroactively to those  
14 who are already deceased at the time this legislation takes effect.

15 **SECTION 4.** The Copyright Office of the Library of Congress shall oversee implementation of this  
16 legislation.

17 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

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

## A Bill to End Federal Subsidization of Healthcare for Congresspeople

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Elected members of federal Congress (Representatives and Senators) shall no longer  
3 receive any employer contributions from the federal government toward their healthcare  
4 costs, including dental and vision insurance. Should a Representative or Senator choose to  
5 purchase health, dental, or vision coverage, they shall be responsible for covering these  
6 costs on their own.

7 **SECTION 2.** Should universal healthcare someday be provided to citizens of the United States and its  
8 territories, Representatives and Senators shall of course reap these benefits along with  
9 their constituents, unless specifically excluded from them.

10 **SECTION 3.** The money saved through this legislation shall be redirected to the Centers for Medicare &  
11 Medicaid Services (CMS) to support insurance for those in need.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

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