

DOMESTIC

A RESOLUTION TO END PARTISAN GERRYMANDERING THROUGH INDEPENDENT COMMISSIONS

LINE 1: **WHEREAS,** PARTISAN GERRYMANDERING IN STATE LEGISLATURES AND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS
LINE 2: UNDERMINES FAIR REPRESENTATION IN THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS; AND
LINE 3:
LINE 4: **WHEREAS,** CURRENT REDISTRICTING PRACTICES OFTEN ALLOW STATE POLITICIANS TO DRAW
LINE 5: DISTRICT
LINE 6: BOUNDARIES THAT FAVOR INCUMBENTS OR POLITICAL PARTIES, RESULTING IN
LINE 7: UNCOMPETITIVE ELECTIONS AND DIMINISHED VOTER INFLUENCE; AND
LINE 8:
LINE 9: **WHEREAS,** GERRYMANDERED DISTRICTS CONTRIBUTE TO POLITICAL POLARIZATION, REDUCE
LINE 10: PUBLIC TRUST IN GOVERNMENT, AND LIMIT ACCOUNTABILITY TO CONSTITUENTS; AND
LINE 11:
LINE 12: **WHEREAS,** NUMEROUS STUDIES SHOW THAT INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSIONS
LINE 13: PRODUCE MORE BALANCED AND COMPETITIVE DISTRICTS THAT BETTER REFLECT THE
LINE 14: WILL OF THE ELECTORATE; AND
LINE 15:
LINE 16: **WHEREAS,** ESTABLISHING INDEPENDENT COMMISSIONS IN EVERY STATE WOULD PROMOTE
LINE 17: FAIRNESS, TRANSPARENCY, AND EQUALITY IN THE ELECTORAL PROCESS; NOW,
LINE 18: THEREFORE, BE IT
LINE 19:
LINE 20: **RESOLVED,** THAT THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED CALL FOR THE ADOPTION OF A
LINE 21: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT REQUIRING ALL U.S. STATES TO CREATE INDEPENDENT
LINE 22: REDISTRICTING COMMISSIONS FOR CONGRESSIONAL AND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT
LINE 23: BOUNDARIES.

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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**A BILL TO ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENT COMMITTEE TO
PREVENT GERRYMANDERING**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

ARTICLE 1. The duty of congressional redistricting will go into the hands of a non-partisan committee which will consist of common civilians whom will be trained by politicians of the Republican Party and the Democratic Party. Such members of the described committee will be paid according to how much they would have earned in the time period if not in the committee.

ARTICLE 2. The term “common civilians” in Article 1 will include any US citizen and doesn’t hold any political office in any foreign country and within the United States.

ARTICLE 3. The government agency that will oversee the enforcement of this bill will be the Federal Election Commission.

ARTICLE 4. This bill shall go into effect on the first of April, 2030.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Ayaan Akbar
Cosby High School*

Bill to Grant Washington DC statehood

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1.

- a. The Region of Washington DC owned and used by the United States Federal Government will continue to exist without representation as it has.
- b. The remainder of current day Washington DC will exist as the 51st state of America, receiving adequate representation for a state of its size.

Section 2.

- a. GSA= General Services Administration
- b. DOJ= Department of Justice
- c. OMB= Office of Management and Budget
- d. FEC= Federal Election Commission

Section 3. This will be carried out by the GSA, DOJ, OMB, and FEC

Section 4. The funds required to carry out the provisions of this Act will be appropriated by Congress from the general fund of the United States Treasury, including potential redistribution of current District of Columbia funding.

Section 5. This bill will be enforced in September of 2027. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Submitted by:

Helena Tambakakis, Appomattox Regional Governor's School

A Bill to Refurbish Vacant City-Owned Buildings into Housing for Homeless

Be it enacted by this Richmond Forum Speech and Debate League Student Congress here assembled that:

- ARTICLE I.** Washington D.C. will turn vacant city-owned buildings into housing for the homeless.
- ARTICLE II.** The District will partner with local nonprofits and construction companies to refurbish city-owned buildings at reduced cost, with priority given to energy-efficient and sustainable renovations. Funding will be provided through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and city housing funds.
- ARTICLE III.** This legislation will take effect on December 31, 2025.
- ARTICLE IV.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will oversee this bill and act accordingly.
- ARTICLE V.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Sophia Deligiannis
Clover Hill High School

**A Bill to Limit and Prevent the act of Congressional Redistricting Outside of the
Census Year**

*Be it enacted by this Richmond Forum Speech and Debate League Student Congress
here assembled that:*

Article I: State legislation, commissions, or other lawful bodies, shall no longer be authorized to draw, enact, or adopt congressional districts with the intent of enhancing their own or denouncing opposing political parties. Any further redistricting shall take place only within the defined decennial census and no mid-decade redistricting will be permitted outside court orders.

Article II: “Commissions and authorized bodies” shall be defined as any individual or group that has the power and ability to alter and establish new congressional districts across all fifty states. “Court orders” refer to changes made if any newly established congressional districts violate federal law such as the Voting Rights Act of 1965 or The Constitution such as the 5th and 14th Amendments.

Article III: This bill shall be implemented on January 1st, 2026 to prevent any further mid-decade redistricting from occurring.

Article IV: The Department of Justice (DOJ) will adjudicate the process of calculating the population and the equal distribution of individuals per district, taking into consideration the average political census of each district from the last presidential election.

Article V: Any and all laws that are in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Stroop,
Maggie L. Walker Governor School for Government and International Studies

A Bill to Allow Autonomous Vehicles to Be Operated in the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by this Richmond Forum Speech and Debate League Student Congress here assembled that:

Article I: Autonomous Vehicles (AVs) classified as SAE Level 4 or 5 may operate on public roads within the District of Columbia without a human operator physically present in the driver's seat of the vehicle, on condition that the vehicle is tested, permitted, and licensed by the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) under the guidelines defined in this document.

Article II: An AV is a motor vehicle capable of performing most, if not all driving functions within the vehicle's ability without human intervention, using an automated driving system (ADS). SAE Level 4 or 5 are classifications defined by the Society of Automotive Engineers' J3016 standard. The scale ranks from Level 0 (no automation) to Level 5 (full automation).

Article III: This legislation shall take effect on July 1, 2026, to allow time for safety protocols and permit processes to be finalized.

Article IV: The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) shall oversee the permitting and regulation of AVs within the District of Columbia.

A) DDOT shall establish a licensing and permitting system for Autonomous Vehicles:

- Any AV taxicab service and commercial AV operation must have comprehensive and strict safety standards, authorized and cosigned by DDOT in order to receive a permit. Each vehicle, no less than once a month, must be inspected by the operation and determined to comply with the previously mentioned standards.
- Private AVs will be held to the same standards of any other motor vehicle; in any accident where the AV is determined at fault, the registered owner of the vehicle will be held liable.
- As any motor vehicle, AVs must also have valid insurance to be licensed.
- As any motor vehicle, AVs must receive an annual inspection.
- Any violations can and will be met with appropriate action as determined by the department.

B) DDOT shall have the authority to:

- Revoke or suspend permits,
- Halt AV operations as quickly as determined necessary.
- Fine AV operations for noncompliance, safety failures, or accidents in which the operation is at fault; no less than 500 thousand USD in incidents resulting in injury or death.
- Define specific zones as off-limits for AVs.

C) The Department of For-Hire Vehicles (DFHV) will coordinate with DDOT on licensing and safety standards for Automatic Vehicle taxis and

commercial ride systems.

Article V: All other laws that are in conflict with this policy shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Sebastian Bone
Richmond Community High School

Bill to Require Independent Commission for Congressional Redistricting

Be it enacted by this Richmond Forum Speech and Debate League Student Congress here assembled that:

Article I: The updating of congressional district lines shall be controlled by independent commissions consisting of balanced or independent citizen make-ups. State legislature may only have veto or override power with a supermajority. Public input shall be weighed in the formation of such commissions.

Article II: Congressional redistricting is the process of updating district lines based on changes in population after every decennial census for national House of Representative elections.

Independent commissions are groups of 5 to 14 members of relative partisan balance and independent members created in the effort of ensuring a non-partisan process of drawing congressional district maps in each state in order to minimize racial and partisan gerrymandering.

Article III: This bill shall take effect before November 3, 2026.

Article IV: The U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ) Civil Rights Division and Office of Legal Counsel (OLC) will oversee that states comply with this bill when made into law.

- A. The Department of Justice shall monitor state implementation and review challenges or public grievances.
- B. Should the Department of Justice find that a state has failed to form and use a valid independent commission for congressional redistricting, it could sue this state in federal court.

Article V: All other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rep. Evans
Monacan HS

A Bill to Withdraw the National Guard in the District of Columbia

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All U.S. National Guard personnel deployed by President Trump in August 2025 shall be withdrawn from the nation's capital of Washington D.C. within sixty days of the enactment of this legislation.

SECTION 2. No National Guard units should be stationed, deployed, or otherwise assigned to the District of Columbia, unless under these circumstances:

- a. The United States Congress has officially declared war.
- b. A federal state of emergency (overseen by Congress) or a natural disaster occurs that directly impacts Washington D.C.

The Department of Defense shall be required to provide a comprehensive report of the timeline of withdrawals, general logistics, and verification of adherence.

SECTION 3. "National Guard" is defined as the state-level reserve component of the U.S. Army that is utilized by state governors and/or the President in times of domestic emergency or federal operation. "Deployment" is defined as the stationing, patrolling, or operation of National Guard forces within the District of Columbia.

SECTION 4. The Department of Defense will oversee the withdrawal and adequate compliance with the provisions of this legislation. The Government Accountability Office (GAO) will submit a detailed report of the presence or

absence of the National Guard in Washington D.C. to evaluate the compliance with this bill.

SECTION 5. This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Representative Samira Umurzokova from
Midlothian High School*

INTERNATIONAL

A BILL TO ALLOCATE MORE FUNDS TO GOLDEN DOME

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

ARTICLE 1. More funding is given to the project of the Golden Dome.

ARTICLE 2. An extra five million dollars will be given to the people that are currently making the Golden Dome which is Lockheed Martin with the intent that they finish it sooner so we can defend our country.

ARTICLE 3. The treasury department will be looking over this and giving the funding out.

ARTICLE 4. This will take place by December 31st of 2025.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Louis Joseph Giometti |||
Cosby High School*

A Bill to reduce the conflict between Cambodia and Thailand

Be it enacted by this Richmond Forum Speech and Debate League Student Congress here assembled that:

Article I: The US will propose a deal with Cambodia and Thailand to negotiate peacefully with a special envoy from ASEAN. If the deal is not accepted the US will cut foreign aid that is not essential aid.

Article II: 1.) Essential aid : Essential aid is any aid that is beneficial to the health of civilians.

2.) ASEAN : Association of Southeast Asian Nations. A regional inter-governmental association founded in 1967.

3.) Deal : The deal proposed is that Cambodia and Thailand will find a way to exist peacefully with the disputed territory or foreign aid will be cut.

Article III: This bill should be put into action by September 1st, 2026. Allowing both countries ample time to prepare for a peaceful negotiation.

Article IV: The US Department of State will oversee the enforcement of this bill they will enforce it by stating that if Cambodia and Thailand do not comply with the arrangement essential aid funds will be cut.

Article V: All laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Alison 'Ella' Hayes
Appomattox Regional Governors School

**A Bill to Develop a Golden Dome to
Defend the U.S. from Foreign Missile Attacks**

*Be it enacted by this Richmond Forum Speech and Debate League Student Congress
here assembled that:*

Article I: Due to imminent threats of developing missile warfare in global superpowers such as China, Russia, and North Korea, the U.S. will begin development of a Golden Dome to defend against possible foreign missile and aerial attacks by utilizing preexisting and developing new missile defense, satellite sensor, and space interceptor systems.

Article II: “Missile warfare” shall refer to the use of offensive attack and defensive missiles, as well as systems to detect and intercept them.

“Development” shall describe the process of creating or producing something, especially by deliberate effort over time.

“Golden Dome” shall refer to a series of defense systems protecting the U.S. from mainly missile aerial attacks, modeled on the 2011 Iron Dome of Israel, which successfully defends against short-range rockets.

“Satellite sensors” shall refer to the developing technology of webs and networks of sensors sent into space on satellites used to detect and track the courses of foreign missiles so that defense systems can take them down.

“Missile defense systems” shall refer to systems currently utilized and in development to detect and take down missiles before they cause damage.

“Space interceptor systems” shall refer to those systems in development to rapidly intercept and take down missiles before they cause damage.

Article III: The dome policy will be in full operation by November 1, 2027, one year after its enactment. Construction will cost approximately \$500 billion, which the overseeing Department of Defense (DOD) may look to private companies to fund. The developed Golden Dome will utilize pre-existing satellite systems as well as a new sensor layer of satellites. During construction of the Golden Dome, the DOD will also develop new space interceptor technologies.

Article IV: The U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) in collaboration with Congress will oversee the enforcement of the bill through development carried out by the DOD, U.S. Space Force, and public and private research groups by managing and overseeing interactions between private companies and government agencies.

Article V: All other laws that are in conflict with this legislation shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted by Sita Lewis,
Maggie L. Walker Governor’s School for Government and
International Studies

**A Bill to Create a New, Advanced Missile Defense System to
Protect the United States and Its Allies from Missile Attacks.**

Be it enacted by this Richmond Forum Speech and Debate League Student Congress here assembled that:

Article I: The United States will create a new, advanced missile defense system called the Golden Dome to protect the country and our allies from missile attacks, working with other nations to ensure safety and peace.

Article II: For the purposes of this legislation, the following terms are defined:

- A) Golden Dome: A high-tech shield that intercepts and destroys incoming missiles before they can hit their target.
- B) Implementation timeframe: The system will be fully operational within five years of the bill's approval.
- C) International collaboration: The U.S. will work with allied countries and international groups to oversee and manage the system fairly and transparently.

Article III: This bill will go into effect six months after Congress approves it, and the Golden Dome system will be fully operational within five years after that.

Article IV: The Department of Defense (DoD), specifically the Missile Defense Agency (MDA), will be responsible for making sure the Golden Dome is built and works properly.

- A) The MDA will develop, test, and maintain the system, following safety and technology standards.
- B) An international oversight committee, comprising representatives from allied countries and security experts, will monitor the system's progress and ensure that everything is fair and safe. They will give yearly reports to Congress.

Article V: All other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Steele
Caroline High School

A Bill to Resolve Border Conflicts Between Cambodia and Thailand

Be it enacted by this Richmond Forum Speech and Debate League Student Congress here assembled that:

- Article I:** The United States will join efforts to help broker a peace deal in the Cambodia-Thailand border conflict.
- Article II:** The United States will continue working with Malaysia and other ASEAN representatives to push for a peace agreement between the two countries
- Article III:** The provisions of this bill shall take effect December 1, 2025.
- Article IV:** The Department of State shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill. Following violations to ceasefire treaties, the United States will threaten to push economic backlash including implementing tariffs.
- Article V:** All laws or portions of laws in conflict with this bill shall be null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Sophia Millikan
Clover Hill High School

A Bill to Prototype and Determine the Feasibility of the Golden Dome System

Be it enacted by this Richmond Forum Speech and Debate League Student Congress here assembled that:

Article 1: On January 1st, 2026, \$15.5 billion dollars will be allocated towards the creation of an improved missile defense system in the state of Israel.

Article 2: The Department of Defense will, in collaboration with and alongside the Israeli Defense Forces and Anduril Industries LLC, oversee the development and creation of the proto defense 'dome'.

Article 3: The focus of these technologies will be to upgrade the existing layered defense systems in the state of Israel, and to develop new, intelligence based autonomous interceptor technologies resistant to saturation attacks.

This will be integrated and combined with the aforementioned upgraded systems to improve interception rate under varying forms of intensity, in a cost effective manner.

Article 4: The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately following a vote in favor of passing the bill.

Article 5: Any and all legislation in conflict with this legislature is thus declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Cech, Deep Run High School

A Bill to Continue Funding a Golden Dome for America

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** An amount of \$25 billion will be allocated to the U.S.
2 Department of Defense for the modernization, enhancement, development,
3 deployment, and testing of advanced next-generation air and missile defense
4 systems.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** These funds will be available to the U.S. Department of
6 Defense for use immediately upon the passage of this legislation, and will
7 remain available for use until September 30, 2029.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of the Treasury will oversee the
9 allocation of these funds to the U.S. Department of Defense. The U.S.
 Department of Defense will oversee the use of these funds.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Kendall Walker from Midlothian High School.

ECONOMIC

A Bill to Restore SNAP Access for Transition-Age Foster Youth to Ensure Food Security

Be it enacted by this Richmond Forum Speech and Debate League Student Congress here assembled that:

Article I: Foster Youth ages 18-25 shall be exempt from Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) work requirements for Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWD). Conversely, foster youth may use alternative documentation as proof of their foster care residency.

Article II: - “Transition- age foster youth” shall mean individuals aged 18-25 who have aged out of the foster care system.

- “Exempt from SNAP work requirements” shall mean individuals will not have to meet ABAWD rules, such as working 80 hours per month to receive SNAP benefits. -

“Alternative documentation” shall mean any other forms of verification– placement letters signed by caseworkers or shelter staff, instead of traditional proof like pay stubs or leases, which show income and rent.

Article III: This policy shall take effect on January 1, 2028, allowing time for the U.S. Department of Agriculture to issue guidance and for state agencies to update eligibility procedures. A six-month duration period will notify partners and coincide with the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA), which cuts SNAP’s funding by reducing the amount of exemptions and increasing work requirements. This risks SNAP benefits for around 700,000 foster youths based on The Urban Institute’s analysis. Additionally, veterans no matter what type of discharge, also will be excluded from ABAWD privileges.

Article IV: The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food and Nutrition Service (USDA FNS) shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation

A) State foster care agencies will follow nutrition standards, provide documentation of foster care residency, and report data to USDA FNS.

B) States that fail to comply with these requirements will face reduced federal funding for nutrition assistance programs.

Article V: All laws and provisions in conflict with this legislation shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Robinson, Maggie L. Walker School for Government and International
Relations

A Bill to Use SNAP Benefits to Motivate Workers

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

ARTICLE 1. The Government will use work verification requirements to motivate able-bodied adults. The US Government will use the continuation of SNAP Benefits to assist adults in seeking employment or participating in job training programs so they can gain valuable skills and increase their own income.

ARTICLE 2. Adult refers to any individual over 18 years old or older. Able-bodied refers to people who are without disabilities or in poor health. Work verification refers to credentials used to authenticate an employee's employment status. Job training refers to any instruction that will assist in gaining, retaining, or advancing in employment.

ARTICLE 3. The Government will start the process of verifying work status to connect the Supplemental Assistance and Nutritional Program (SNAP) recipients with resources such as job placement services, resume workshops or educational opportunities, which can help those financially long term

ARTICLE 4. The Department of Social Services and the Department of Labor will oversee the enforcement of this bill

ARTICLE 5. This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted by

Joshua Mejia

Manchester High School

**A Bill to Change the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to
Expand Work Requirements to Include Students**

Be it enacted by this Richmond Forum Speech and Debate League Student Congress here assembled that:

Article I: Work requirements for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) shall include minors in school who are 16 years or older.

Article II: “Work requirements” shall be defined as the general requirements for a certain number of hours and participation in certain programs needed to be SNAP eligible.

Article III: This legislation shall become effective on March 1, 2026.

Article IV: Implementation of this bill shall be taken on by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), a division of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). A record of all SNAP-eligible minors who are 16 years or older and their employment situation shall be used to determine fulfillment of requirements. **Article V:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Rafaeh Babar
Atlee High School

A Bill to Make the Polluter Pay

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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ARTICLE I. Corporations found guilty of illegally discharging pollutants into rivers,

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lakes, or other essential waters of the United States shall be

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responsible for all cleanup and remediation costs associated with

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ARTICLE II. a) "Pollutant" Any substance in water that causes harm to human health,

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aquatic life, or water quality.

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b) "cleanup and remediation costs" shall include all expenses necessary to

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restore a polluted waterway.

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c) "corporation" Any business entity, including partnerships or publicly

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traded companies, that operates within the United States.

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ARTICLE III. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Department of Justice (DOJ),

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and State Environmental Protection Agencies will oversee enforcement

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ARTICLE IV. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with

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this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Carson Webb

Appomattox Regional Governor's School

**A Bill to Strengthen National Water Quality Standards to
Protect Public Health and Economic Stability**

*BE IT ENACTED BY THIS RICHMOND FORUM SPEECH AND DEBATE LEAGUE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE
ASSEMBLED THAT:*

ARTICLE I. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall implement stricter national water quality standards by lowering permitted levels of industrial pollutants, agricultural runoff, and toxic contaminants in public water systems. The EPA will establish updated maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) and conduct regular inspections of city and private water systems.

ARTICLE II. **A.** For the purposes of this legislation, "toxic contaminants" shall be defined as substances identified by the EPA as harmful to human health, including but not limited to lead, arsenic, mercury, and PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances).
B. "Agricultural runoff" shall include excess fertilizer, pesticides, and animal waste that enters waterways through natural drainage or irrigation.

ARTICLE III. This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2026.

ARTICLE IV. **A.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in coordination with the Department of Agriculture (USDA), will oversee the enforcement of these standards. Noncompliance with these standards will result in fines proportional to the severity and duration of the violation, to be collected by the EPA.
B. The USDA will administer financial incentives and technical assistance to farmers and agricultural businesses that adopt pollution-reducing practices.

ARTICLE V. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Shayni Gogineni

**A to Mandate the Installation of Microplastic-Filtering Technology in Wastewater
Treatment Facilities Nationwide to
Reduce Microplastic Pollution**

Be it enacted by this Richmond Forum Speech and Debate League Student Congress here assembled that:

- Article I:** The Environmental Protection Agency shall establish a national mandate that requires all public wastewater treatment facilities to install and implement advanced filtration technology capable of removing microplastic particles from sewage water.
- Article II:** Microplastics are tiny plastic particles less than 5 millimeters long, found in the environment.
- Article III:** This bill will be implemented by December 1, 2027.
- Article IV:** The government agency responsible for overseeing this will be the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), specifically its Office of Water.
- Article V:** All other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Young
Caroline High School

A Bill to Increase the Accessibility of SNAP

Be it enacted by this Richmond Forum Speech and Debate League Student Congress here assembled that:

- Article 1:** The minimum work requirement to receive SNAP benefits will be increased from 30 hours per week to 35 hours per week.
- Article 2:** All legal non-citizens who would otherwise be ineligible for SNAP but do meet the work requirement will become eligible to receive SNAP benefits immediately.
- Article 3:** The USDA will implement this change.
- Article 4:** All laws in conflict with this piece of legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Cedeno, Deep Run High School

**A Bill to Cut Back on Data Centers to
Restore Water Quality in Water-Stressed Areas**

Be it enacted by this Richmond Forum Speech and Debate League Student Congress here assembled that:

Article I: Data centers are hereby not permitted the use of potable water for the cooling down of machinery.

Article II: A "data center" is a building, a dedicated space within a building, or a group of buildings used to house computer systems and associated components, such as telecommunications and storage systems.

Article III: This plan shall be implemented immediately upon its passage and last for a minimum of 14 months

Article IV: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will oversee the enforcement of the bill along with the specific enforcement mechanism.

A) Data centers must find a non-potable water source to use when working machines.

B) Violation of this bill will result in a minimum of one-year jail time, or a fine of up to \$25,000.

Article V: All other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be declared null and void

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Bea Willey,

Richmond Community High School