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A BILL TO GRANT WASHINGTON DC. STATEHOOD FOR EQUAL REPRESENTATION

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

ARTICLE 1. Washington D.C. will be granted statehood to ensure equal representation for its residents. Washington D.C. will acquire two senators and representatives for the House of Representatives based on population.

ARTICLE 2. Washington D.C., formally the Washington District of Colombia, is the federal capital of the United States. Statehood refers to giving state level status and recognition, complete with local governments and representation in Congress.

ARTICLE 3. Congress will enact the implementation of this bill.

ARTICLE 4. This bill will be enacted on August 1, 2027.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. McKenzie Graham
Cosby High School*

**A Bill to Ban All Partisan Gerrymandering to
Create More Democratic Elections**

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

- Article I:** This congress will ban all partisan gerrymandering to allow the actual free will of the people to be heard.
- Article II:**
- a) a state may not use a congressional redistricting plan that is not in compliance With this section.
 - b) The district of a state must be decided and approved by either an independent commission or A three judge court before being enacted.
 - c) all districts must not be diluted in any way for political gain to protect Protect political or protected groups in order for a party to win a district easier.
 - d) The commission members must all be Citizens and have no conflicts of interest When they are on commission
 - e) all mid decade redistricting is banned
- Article III:** This piece of legislation will be in effect before the 2030 census to allow states to adjust.
- Article IV:** The states will be the ones to enact this policies in in their congressional districts
- Article V:** State that all other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Joshua Alvarez,
James River Highschool

A Bill to Admit Washington D.C. as the 51st State to Ensure Equal Representation

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

Article I: The District of Columbia shall be admitted into the Union as the 51st state to be known as the State of Washington District of Columbia, granting its residents full voting representation in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate.

Article II: A) “The District of Columbia” shall refer to the current federal district excluding the federal enclave containing the White House, U.S. Capitol, Supreme Court, all Federal Courts, and all other Federal buildings and properties including the National Mall which shall remain under Federal jurisdiction.

B) “Washington District of Columbia” shall refer to the residential and commercial areas of the current District of Columbia that will comprise the new state.

Article III: This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2029, allowing sufficient time for congressional approval, presidential signing, and the organization of a state government and electoral system.

Article IV:

A) The Department of the Interior shall oversee the transition of governance and coordinate with the Washington District of Columbia government to establish the state constitution and electoral framework.

B) The Federal Election Commission shall manage the transition of voting districts and representation in Congress during the implementation period.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Towler,
Atlee High School

A Bill to Require Judicial Review of Redistricting Plans to Prevent Gerrymandering

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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ARTICLE 1. All congressional and state legislative redistricting plans shall

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be subject to judicial review and approval before being enacted into law

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ARTICLE 2. A. *Judicial review* shall mean examination by a nonpartisan 6
panel of federal judges to determine whether proposed district maps

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B. *Partisan bias* shall be measured using recognized standards
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C. *The redistricting plan* shall include all district maps for federal and state legislative offices.

ARTICLE 3. The U.S. District Courts shall oversee the review process, using a three-judge panel in each state to evaluate proposed plans.

A. If a plan is found to violate fair-map standards, the legislature shall have 30 days to submit a revised plan.

B. If the legislature fails to comply, the reviewing court shall appoint an independent, nonpartisan expert to draw a compliant map.

ARTICLE 4. This legislation will take effect in Fiscal Year 2026. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION BY Rep. Campbell Nabors,

APPOMATTOX REGIONAL GOVERNOR’S SCHOOL

A Bill to Require Nonpartisan Redistricting Commissions for Elections

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

- Article I:** All fifty states must institute independent redistricting commissions to draw congressional districts for future House of Representative redistricting.
- Article II:** An independent redistricting commission (IRC) is a body separate from the legislature that is responsible for drawing the districts used in congressional and state legislative elections.
- Article III:** The provisions of this bill shall take effect for the federal election next effected by congressional redistricting.
- Article IV:** The U.S. Department of Justice shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.
- Article V:** All laws or portions of laws in conflict with this bill shall be null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Daniel McLean

Clover Hill High School

A Bill to Establish Restrictions on the Federal deployment of Military Troops and Additional Law Enforcement in the District of Columbia. *Be it enacted by this Richmond Forum Speech and Debate League Student Congress here assembled that:*

Article I: Federal Takeover of the Washington D.C Metropolitan Police Department shall require a formal declaration of emergency authorized by Congress with a two thirds majority, rather than be initiated by the executive branch.

Article II:

- A. “Federal Takeover” shall refer to the event in which any executive branch agency assumes control and operational authority over the Metropolitan Police Department in the District of Columbia.
- B. “Metropolitan Police Department” shall refer to the primary agency of law enforcement in the District of Columbia.
- C. “ Formal Declaration of Emergency” shall refer to a joint resolution passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate stating the existence of a public emergency in DC worthy of intervention on the federal level, including the federalization of the Metropolitan Police Department and deployment of Federal Troops.

Article III: This bill will take effect 6 months following the date of its enactment, allowing ample time for the Metropolitan Police Department and Federal Agencies to align their procedures and policies in accordance with this legislation, making sure the policies take into effect as soon as possible while still ensuring quality and thorough implementation.

Article IV: The Department of Justice (DOJ) will be responsible for restricting federal overreach in the Metropolitan Police Department and that no additional military units are deployed unless given specific permission from Congress as defined in this bill.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Acquista
Maggie L. Walker Governor’s School for Government and
International Studies

A Bill to Reduce Homelessness in Washington, D.C. by Providing Housing and Job Opportunities

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

- Article I:** The purpose of this bill is to encourage homeless individuals off the streets of Washington, D.C. by creating affordable housing units and offering job placement programs through local partnerships.
- Article II:** For the purposes of this legislation, the following terms are defined:
- A) Homeless shall mean any individual without a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.
 - B) Affordable housing units refer to housing where the rent is set below the market rate based on income.
- Article III:** This legislation shall go into effect on January 1, 2026, to allow proper funding, planning, and time for implementation of the plan
- Article IV:** The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), in cooperation with the D.C. government, shall be responsible for enforcing this bill.
- Article V:** All other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Gott,
Caroline High School

**A Bill to End the Need for Redistricting to
Permanently Remove Biased Voting Districts**

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

- Article I:** All US municipalities will be evenly divided into a grid system based on population density to create fair, unbiased zoning for voting and eliminate gerrymandering.
- Article II:** Gerrymandering is the act of manipulating the zoning of a district to favor one party in a vote, and a grid system is a framework of lines creating even areas, regardless of wealth, race, status, etc. A municipality is defined as any city or town in which there is corporate status and local government.
- Article III:** State officials will have one year (365 days) to divide municipalities based on population density into equal parts citizens to land. City or town division will be reviewed by an unbiased, unannounced national manager(s) and will be submitted to an approval committee if it meets all necessary standards of division and passes a gerrymandering test. This bill would go into effect exactly 1 year to the day of the next local election. In summary, if approved, this bill would come into effect after a total of two years and should be placed equally in between local and state election cycles.
- Article IV:** The approval committee would be made up of equal parts republican and democratic senators. The national manager(s) made to send zoning proposals to the committee would be unannounced and kept private from all lobbyists or other influence to keep an unbiased state while reviewing redistricting of voters. The zoning proposals will be drawn up by the acting state governor with any necessary assistance from local mayors or city managers.
- Article V:** Any and all laws in opposition are hereby declared officially null and void upon approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Stella Benedetti
Richmond Community High School

INTERNATIONAL

A BILL TO CEASE FUNDING FOR THE GOLDEN DOME MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

ARTICLE 1. Funding for the Golden Dome initiative will not proceed as previously legislated.

ARTICLE 2. Define any ambiguous terms inherent in the first section.

ARTICLE 3. The Department of Defense will oversee the enforcement of this bill, and
Congress will not allocate funds towards the program following this bill's
enactment.

ARTICLE 4. January 1st 2026

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Elizabeth Chapman
Cosby High School*

A Bill to Promote and Stabilize Cooperation Between Cambodia and Thailand

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **ARTICLE 1.** The United States shall increase diplomatic relations between Cambodia
2 and Thailand to promote peaceful conflict resolution and to reduce border
3 conflict.
- 4 **ARTICLE 2.** We shall focus on addressing long standing disputes between Cambodia
5 and Thailand land disputes from the Preah Vihear Temple. We will provide
6 an additional \$20,000,000 over a five year span to help build joint
7 infrastructures and community projects along the borders.
- 8 **ARTICLE 3.** Funding for this initiative shall be from the U.S. Department of State’s
9 existing Southeast Asia regional assistance budget.
- 10 **ARTICLE 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with this
11 legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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Representative Genesis Sierra

Manchester HS

Bill to Halt Project Golden Dome Exploitation to Preserve the Integrity of Space

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

Article I: The US has initiated Project Golden Dome with the intention of protecting itself and its own territories from foreign attacks. To refrain from exploiting federal funding, Project Golden Dome should be suspended to allow for further consideration and thought. The Department of Defense will review the plans for the Golden Dome project with the Secretary of Defense and publicly state their plans and future actions, specifically regarding existing treaties related to outer space and Antarctica.

Article II: 1.) Territories: Area of land that falls under a specific jurisdiction 2.) NORAD: North American Aerospace Defense Command is a Canadian-US military organization in charge of aerospace control/warning, founded in 1957. 3.) Golden Dome: A project to weaponize space to keep the United States safe from current and future foreign attacks.

Article III: This bill shall be put into action on January 1st, 2026.

Article IV: The Department of Defense will oversee the enforcement of this bill. They will enforce it by reviewing the plans for the Golden Dome project, with the Secretary of Defense, and publicly state their plans and further actions.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Aniya Trusty,
Appomattox Regional Governors School

**A Bill to Support Diplomatic Mediation in the Cambodia-Thailand Border Dispute to
Promote Regional Stability in Southeast Asia**

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

Article I: The United States shall formally support and facilitate diplomatic mediation between Cambodia and Thailand regarding their ongoing border dispute, particularly surrounding the Preah Vihear Temple region.

Article II:

- “Diplomatic mediation” shall be defined as non-military efforts involving a neutral third party, specifically through the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) or International Court of Justice (ICJ)
- “Support and facilitate” shall mean providing technical assistance, diplomatic engagement, and conditional foreign aid incentives to encourage peaceful negotiations.

Article III: This policy shall take effect beginning on July 1, 2026, allowing sufficient time for the U.S. Department of State to coordinate with ASEAN partners, establish a baseline of framework, and allocate the necessary financial resources. A six month refractory period shall be designated for briefing U.S missions within Southeast Asia and for the initiation of consultations with both Cambodia and Thailand before the policy's official start date.

Article IV: The U.S. Department of State shall oversee enforcement of this legislation.

- A) U.S. Diplomatic missions in Southeast Asia shall be tasked with facilitating and monitoring the mediation process.
- B) U.S. foreign aid to Cambodia and Thailand shall be partially conditioned upon progress toward peaceful negotiation and eventual resolution.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Tzarellas, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School for Government and
International Studies

A Bill to Redirect Funding From The Golden Dome

Article I: The federal government should take the 25 million invested in the Golden Dome and evenly distribute the money to the program outlined in Article II.

Article II: “Golden Dome” is defined as The Ground and Orbital Launched Defeat of Emergent Nuclear Destruction and Other Missile Engagements. The golden dome is a theoretical layered missile defense system proposed by President Trump.

“The Program” refers to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program(SNAP).

Article III: This Legislation will take effect on July 1, 2026.

Article IV: Congress along with the Department of Agriculture(USDA) will work together to insure 25 million goes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Labeling any money invested into the Golden Dome as a grant after the bill is passed gives permission to the USDA to make sure any money intended for the Golden Dome goes to the SNAP Program as an enforceable regulation.

The House and Senate Armed Services Committees oversee the project’s funding and would need to approve the transfer of money to effectively terminate it.

Article V: The Ground and Orbital Launched Defeat of Emergent Nuclear Destruction and Other Missile Engagements (GOLDEN DOME) Act shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rep. Mcruffin, Monacan High School

A Bill to Protect the Sovereignty of the Kingdom of Thailand

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

Article 1: Effective January 1, 2026, the United States Armed Forces will invoke the bilateral agreement between the two nations at the Thanat-Rusk communiqué, and come to the defense of Thailand. The United States has a responsibility to defend its ally, the Kingdom of Thailand, which has had hundreds of thousands of innocent civilians displaced at the hands of Cambodia.

Article 2: The focus of the operation will be to create a buffer zone to establish reasonable security for Thai civilians to return to the border regions. The zone will extend 25 miles from the current line of control and will be absent of any Cambodian military or Civilian personnel. The Preah Vihear temple will come under the administration of the United States Peacekeeping Force. In addition, a no-fly zone will be declared over all of Cambodia, and an extensive air campaign will ensue, which will target key military targets, primarily the Ream Naval Base in the south of the Nation.

Article 3: The Department of Defense will be responsible for the operation and the provisions of the bill. The military will coordinate strategic efforts with the Royal Thai Armed Forces.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Nicholas Hawkins, Deep Run High School

A Bill to Provide Humanitarian Aid to the Cambodia-Thailand Border Region

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

ARTICLE I. THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL ASSIST THE CAMBODIA-THAILAND BORDER CRISIS BY PROVIDING HUMANITARIAN AID FOR THE CIVILIANS OF EACH RESPECTED COUNTRY WHO ARE AFFECTED BY THE ONGOING BORDER TENSIONS BETWEEN THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND AND THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA. THIS LEGISLATION PRIMARILY AIMS TO PROMOTE THE HUMAN WELFARE OF THE PERSONS DISPLACED BY THE ONGOING CRISIS DUE TO THE CONFLICT STATED.

ARTICLE II. *HUMANITARIAN AID* SHALL REFER TO NON-MILITARY SERVICE, INCLUDING FOOD, MEDICAL SUPPORT, HOUSING, ETC. *BORDER REGION* IS DEFINED AS THE AREA WITHIN THE CAMBODIA-THAI BORDER, INCLUDING PREAH VIHEAR PROVINCE AND THE SISAKET PROVINCE. *DISPLACED PERSONS* REFERS TO AS INDIVIDUALS FORCED TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES DUE TO CONFLICT OR INSTABILITY CAUSED BY THEIR ENVIRONMENT.

ARTICLE III. THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SHALL ALLOCATE FUNDS IN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY THIS CONFLICT. FUNDS SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED THROUGH PROGRAMS LIKE THE RED CROSS TO ENSURE EFFICIENCY.

ARTICLE IV. THIS LEGISLATION SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY UPON PASSAGE.

ARTICLE V. ALL LAWS IN CONFLICT WITH THIS LEGISLATION ARE HEREBY DECLARED NULL AND VOID.

ECONOMIC

Water Quality Standards

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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ARTICLE 1. The United States shall adopt stricter, enforceable national water quality 2
standards to reduce contamination from industrial, agricultural, and
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municipal sources in all navigable waters and public water systems.

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ARTICLE 2. Navigable waters include all waters of the United States, including 5
territorial seas. Contaminants are harmful substances that reduce water
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quality, such as PFAS, nitrates, phosphates, lead, arsenic, and microbial
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pathogens. A public water system is any system that provides water for
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human use through pipes or other constructed systems.

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ARTICLE 3. A. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall oversee the 10
enforcement of the national water quality standards established by this
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B. The EPA shall enforce these standards by updating drinking water 13
regulations within twelve months, conducting inspections of water systems
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and pollution sources, issuing fines of up to \$250,000 per day for violations,
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and providing grants to state and local governments to support compliance
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and infrastructure improvements.

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ARTICLE 4. This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with this 18

legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully Julin Myrick,
Manchester High School*

**A d Bill to Lower Funding for Water Quality Standards to Provide
Funds for Medicaid.**

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

Article I: This new policy would redirect 25% of the unspent federal funds allocated to EPA
water quality standard enforcement to Medicaid.

Article II: EPA stands for Environmental Protection Agency and is in charge of human
health. Unspent federal funds are the planned funds for the next year's budget, for example
if water quality standards are given 10 million dollars for the next year then Medicaid
would receive 25% of those funds.

Article III: This Act shall go into effect March 1 2026.

Article IV: The Office of Management and Budget would oversee the inter-agency fund
transfer and the U.S. Department of Treasury would oversee the electronic transfer of funds.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Kiser
Atlee High School

A Bill To Monitor Income of Those Receiving SNAP Benefits in 4 Month Increments.

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

Article I: The enforcement of SNAP work requirements should be overseen for longer 4-month periods, as opposed to monitoring the income of individual months.

Article II: SNAP- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

USDA/FNS - U.S. Department of Agriculture (Food and Nutrition Service)

Work requirements- In line with the USDA current policy, amount of verified work hours for individuals on the SNAP program

i. The Work Number® by Equifax- A program used by the USDA to instantly verify employment and income.

Article III: The bill will be implemented July 1, 2026

Article IV: The bill will be implemented by the USDA/FNS, who will have to change their technology through The Work Number® by Equifax. If the bill is not enacted on time, 50% of the funding will be withheld until the new requirements are met.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Marlowe MacGuire
Appomattox Regional Governor's School

A BILL TO REPEAL THE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL'S SNAP WORK VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

ARTICLE 1. The legislation known as the *Big Beautiful Bill* is hereby repealed in regards to its SNAP work verification requirements

ARTICLE 2. *Big Beautiful Bill* refers to the prior legislation that imposed or reinforced work verification requirements for recipients of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

SNAP refers to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program administered by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

ARTICLE 3. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) shall oversee the termination of all policies established under the *Big Beautiful Bill* regarding SNAP work verification requirements.

ARTICLE 4. This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Lauren Matthews
Cosby High School*

**A Bill to Require Work Verification for SNAP Benefits to
Require Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDs) to Verify Twenty-Five Hours
of Work to Maintain Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Eligibility**

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

Article I: Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDs) applying for or receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits must submit verification of a minimum of twenty-five (25) hours of work, job training, or documented active job-seeking status each week; failure to comply will result in the termination of benefits within the next calendar month. Upon termination of SNAP benefits, the ABAWD must submit work verification to the USDA.

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

- A) SNAP is the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, a federal program designed to help lower-income families afford food purchases.
- B) Work verification is a form of documentation that provides evidence of employment, job training, or an active job-seeking status.
- C) Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDs) are individuals between the ages of 18 and 49 who do not have dependents, are not pregnant, and are not living with children under 18.
- D) USDA is the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Article III: This bill shall take effect on January 4, 2026.

Article IV: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) shall oversee the enforcement of this bill in conjunction with state and local social services agencies.

- A) States must establish a secure digital and/or in-person option for applicants and recipients to submit the required work verification documentation, thereby minimizing undue burden.
- B) Exceptions to the work requirement will be granted to individuals with documented disabilities and those serving as full-time caregivers of children with disabilities or the elderly.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Bentley
Caroline High School

**A Bill to repeal Promoting Efficient Review for Modern Infrastructure Today(PERMIT)
to keep the Clean Water Act(CWA)'s power.**

Article I: To nullify and prevent House Republican's PERMIT from being passed.

Article II: PERMIT is a package of bills introduced by House Republicans to undermine the CWA and create even more loopholes and leniency with those in opposition to it. This proposed bill will weaken the CWA and make it easier for companies and industries to bypass its laws and pollute and destroy bodies of water, affecting the quality of water for the American people.

"House Republicans" meaning Republicans of the House, namely Subcommittee Chairman Mike Collins (R-GA), Rep. Rick Crawford (R-AR), Rep. David Rouzer (R-NC), Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA), Rep. Pete Stauber (R-MN), Rep. Burgess Owens (R-UT), Rep. Eric Burlison (R-MO), Rep. Jeff Hurd (R-CO), Rep. Jefferson Shreve (R-IN), Rep. Dave Taylor (R-OH), and Rep. Jimmy Patronis (R-FL). All have contributed at least one aspect to PERMIT.

Article III: This Legislation will take effect on January 1st of 2026.

Article IV: The EPA(Environmental Protection Act) will oversee the passing of this bill to ensure the CWA remains protected.

The EPA works in conjunction with the CWA to enforce environmental protection and anti-pollution laws. The EPA was originally given authority by the CWA to enforce pollution control programs, control water quality standards, and issue permits for (ex.) construction companies concerning the discharge of pollutants.

Article V: The package bill PERMIT shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rep. Bell
Monacan High School

Bill on Water Quality standards

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

- Article 1:** Areas that received poor water quality in the past 20 years should gain aid money to increase water quality in the surrounding counties.
- Article 2:** Water Quality standards should be raised in areas that have received water that do not fit Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Water quality standards. Cities and/or towns that do not fit these standards and should receive aid money in the range of 500k, to 20 million dollars, as FDA determines.
- Article 3:** The Food and Drug Administration shall be jointly responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.
- Article 4:** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2026.
- Article 5:** All other laws that are in conflict with this policy such as but not limited to bills such as the PERMIT Act (H.R. 3898) shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Yunay Vaddi, Deep Run High School