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B1. A Bill to Facilitate the Renewable Extraction of Deep Sea Resources

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Adversarial advancements in Deep Sea Mining within the status quo have
3 made the United States fall behind on such operations. Congress finds that
4 the resources found on the ocean surface could help in increasing localized
5 manufacturing and build a global supply chain centered in the United States;
6 therefore, let authorized funding be given to Deep Sea Mining entities.

7 **SECTION 2.** A. Deep Sea Mining will be defined as the process of extracting minerals from
9 the ocean floor at depths greater than 200 meters below sea level.

10 B. Renewable Extraction will be defined as a sustainable solution for such
11 practice with the operations being powered by Solar, Wind, or Hydraulic
12 energy sources.

13 **SECTION 3.** The legislation will be regulated by the Department of Energy, the National
14 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Department of Treasury.

15 A. The Department of Energy will ensure that the entities whose funding
16 is being provided via this legislation are using sustainable energy sources as
17 outlined in Section 2B, otherwise it should be reported to the Department
18 of Treasury to cut funding immediately.

19 B. \$10 Billion will be provided for research to the National Oceanic and
20 Atmospheric Association to improve the energy efficiency of the following
21 operations. Prior to any companies extracting resources from international
22 waters, they will receive an ISA permit through this agency.

23 C. The Department of Treasury will provide \$5 Million in annual funding to
24 private entities that are complying with this legislation; meanwhile, they
25 will further assess the market profitability of Deep Sea Mining.

26 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1st of 2026.

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



B2. A Bill to Cap the Price of Pharmaceutical Drugs

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Government will have the power to determine the market
3 price of all pharmaceutical drugs by setting a price ceiling that all domestic
4 pharmaceutical companies must comply with.

5 **SECTION 2.** Let the following definitions be used as interpretations:

6 A. Pharmaceuticals: any kind of drug used for medicinal purposes

7 B. Pharmaceutical Companies: a company that makes and sells pharmaceutical
8 drugs.

9 C. Price Ceiling: the mandated maximum amount a seller is allowed to charge for
10 a product or service.

11 **SECTION 3.** The price ceiling will be established and regulated by Health and Human
12 Services (HHS). The will enforce this by having unilateral authority.

13 A. The Secretary of HHS will determine the prices through the drug's value.

14 B. The pharmaceutical companies will have 2 years to meet the adjusted prices
15 through a step down process.

16 C. Companies that do not meet this deadline will face fines until they reach the
17 adjusted price requirement.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the beginning of fiscal year 2027.

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



B3. A Bill to Create a U.S.–Ecuador Green Energy Trade Agreement

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. Congress shall establish a bilateral free trade agreement with Ecuador

3 focused renewable energy technologies and sustainable resource

4 development.

5 SECTION 2. The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative and Department of State shall

6 negotiate terms, including labor standards and environmental protections.

7 SECTION 3. The agreement shall prioritize clean energy exports, technology sharing, and

8 investment in green infrastructure.

9 SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect July 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with this

10 legislation are hereby declared null and void.



B4. A Bill to Regulate the Use of Facial Recognition Technology to Protect Civil Liberties

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Federal agencies may not deploy facial recognition technology in public spaces
3 without a warrant, probable cause, or explicit legislative authorization.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. “Facial recognition technology” shall refer to software that uses biometric
5 data to identify or verify a person’s identity using their facial features.

6 B. “Public spaces” include streets, parks, government buildings, transportation
7 hubs, and other areas accessible to the general public.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall be responsible for the enforcement of this act.

9 A. The Department of Justice will create a transparency database tracking all
10 federal agencies' authorized uses of facial recognition.

11 B. The Department of Justice will conduct annual audits and publish a public
12 report assessing compliance and civil liberties impact.

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



B5. A Bill to Redirect Surplus U.S. Food Waste to Combat Global Hunger

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall implement a program to redirect surplus food waste
3 from farms, manufacturers, and retailers to other nations which are
4 experiencing severe food insecurity through a streamlined aid distribution
5 system.

6 **SECTION 2.** Surplus food waste is defined as excess, safe-to-consume food which is
7 discarded due to oversupply, cosmetic imperfections, or nearing expiration but
8 still meeting U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) food safety standards.

9 **SECTION 3.** The USDA shall oversee the processing, collection, and distribution of surplus
10 food.

11 A. Incentives include a 30% federal tax credit based on the food's fair market
12 value. In addition, food donors receive liability protections if the food causes
13 harm.

14 B. A logistics framework shall be established in coordination with international
15 aid organizations to facilitate efficient delivery to recipient nations.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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



B6. A Bill to Address the American Housing Crisis

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This Congress recognizes the threat of the American housing crisis and shall

3 enact the following measures.

4 A. States shall be prohibited from enacting and enforcing laws that preempt Rent
5 Control.

6 B. States shall be prohibited from enacting and enforcing Zoning Laws.

7 C. R-REITs shall be required to pay a 30% corporate income tax on all taxable
8 income distributed to investors.

9 **SECTION 2.** A. “Rent Control” shall be defined as any regulatory price controls on the rent of
10 residential housing. This includes price ceilings and vacancy control measures.

11 B. “Zoning Laws” shall be defined as a law or ordinance that dictates land use
12 through the establishment of zoning districts. This includes single-use zoning.

13 C. “R-REIT” (Residential Real Estate Investment Fund) shall be defined as a
14 company that owns, operates, or finances residential real estate.

15 **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Treasury (USDT) and the Department of Housing and
16 Urban Development (HUD) will oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

17 A. The USDT shall be responsible for implementing and collecting the corporate
18 income tax.

19 B. States that fail to comply shall receive a 10% decrease in funds distributed by
20 the HUD, for a cap of 50%.

21 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2028.

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



B7. A Bill to Place Limits on the Strategic Petroleum Reserve

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Withdrawals from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve shall now be limited.

3 A. Oil may not be removed from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve for the
4 purpose of lowering consumer gas prices.

5 B. Withdrawals from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve will only be allowed in the
6 event of supply disruption of oil imports.

7 **SECTION 2.** Supply disruption of oil imports will be defined as an event in which U.S. States
8 or the Federal government declares a state of emergency or previously existent
9 foreign imports are disrupted.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy will oversee this legislation and ensure that the
11 proper requirements are met before oil is taken from the Strategic Petroleum
12 Reserve.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2026.

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



B8. A Bill to Enlarge the House of Representatives to Ensure Fair Representation for All Americans

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The number of representatives in the House of Representatives would be

3 calculated after each United States Census as follows:

4 A. The total population of the United States of America will be divided by the
5 population of the least populous state therein.

6 B. The closest integer that is higher than the results from Section 1A shall be
7 the number of members of the House of Representatives.

8 C. The method of appropriations of the Representatives among the several
9 States shall not be changed.

10 D: Every time the number of Representatives increases, the Congress shall
11 allocate funds for the new Representatives' salary.

12 **SECTION 2.** The responsibilities for the duties in the bill shall be distributed as follows:

13 A: The United States Census Bureau shall be responsible for giving Census
14 Data to the United States Congress.

15 B: The United States Congress shall calculate the number of representatives and
16 apportion the representatives among the several States based on the Census
17 Data received and in accordance with this legislation.

18 C: The United States Department of Treasury shall pay all money that
19 Congress shall allocate after each increase in Representatives.

20 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall not be so construed as to affect the election or term of
21 any Representative elected before it becomes a law. This legislation will take
22 effect immediately upon passage. All laws in conflict with this legislation are
23 hereby declared null and void.



B9. A Bill to Invest in SMRs to Revitalize Nuclear Energy Potential

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. Federal Government shall invest \$10 billion in the research and
3 development of small modular reactors (SMRs) through a federal grant program
4 aiming to foster long-term public-private partnerships in nuclear energy.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. "Small modular reactors (SMRs)" are defined as advanced nuclear reactors
6 with a rated capacity of less than 300 electrical megawatts; and that can be
7 constructed and operated in combination with similar reactors at a single site.
8 B. "Research and development" are defined as efforts to create and innovate
9 new or existing SMR technologies through advancing design, testing, licensing
10 support, manufacturing methods, safety and efficiency, waste management,
11 and other methods with the goal of decarbonizing the domestic electricity grid.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy shall be tasked with overseeing the enforcement of
13 this legislation.

14 A. The DOE shall determine the eligibility of organizations in qualifying for the
15 grant program.

16 B. An organization is eligible for the grant program if they are a US-based
17 entity, including but not limited to private companies, accredited research
18 universities, and non-profits that conduct research and development as
19 defined in Section 2B.

20 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect January 1, 2027.

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



B10. A Bill to Require Automatic Voter Registration to Increase Electoral Participation

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All qualified citizens of the United States will automatically be added to
3 the voter rolls for federal, state, and local elections upon or when
4 renewing government official identification. No other application will be
5 required.

6 **SECTION 2.** “Automatic Voter Registration (AVR)” is defined as that eligible citizens
7 are signed up to vote during dealings with government offices without
8 taking additional steps.

9 “A qualified citizen” is defined as someone who has attained the age of
10 eighteen years, is a citizen of the United States, is a resident of the
11 precinct where they want to vote, and who is not serving a felony
12 sentence that legally suspends their voting rights under the laws of their
13 state of residence.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Commission shall be tasked with the enforcement of
15 this legislation by working with local and federal governments as wells as
16 other necessary federal agencies.

17 A. If any state, agency or official fails to comply with or enforce this
18 legislation, the Attorney General of the United States is authorized to
19 bring civil action in a respective district court for declaratory or
20 injunctive relief necessary to comply with this Act.

21 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect January 1, 2026.

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



B11. A Bill to Raise the Federal Minimum Wage to \$15 by the Year 2028

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal minimum wage shall be increased to \$15 per hour by January 1,
3 2028, with quarterly increases starting January 1, 2026, leading up to that
4 amount.

5 **SECTION 2.** "Federal minimum wage" refers to the minimum hourly wage that employers are
6 required to pay their employees under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

7 **SECTION 3.** The enforcement of this legislation shall be overseen by the U.S. Department of
8 Labor and the Internal Revenue System. These departments shall implement the
9 following enforcement mechanisms:

10 A. Quarterly audits of employers to ensure compliance with the federal minimum
11 wage requirements.

12 B. Investigation of complaints filed by employees regarding violations of the
13 minimum wage law.

14 C. Assessment of penalties for non-compliance, including fines and restitution to
15 affected employees.

16 D. Enforce and define quarterly increases.

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



B12. A Bill to Expand the US Draft

1 Be it enacted by the congress assembled here:

2 **Section 1.** All US residents aged 18-25, regardless of sex, shall be obligated to register for
3 the Selective Service with all current exemptions from registration other than sex
4 continuing to apply. In addition, all other regulations regarding registration for the
5 Selective Service shall continue to apply.

6 **Section 2. A.** All those obligated to register through this bill will have 30 days from the
7 enforcement of this bill to register for the Selective Service and shall not be considered
8 late. Upon said persons turning 26 they shall be met with all current penalties for failing
9 to register including but not limited to up to a \$250,000 fine, up to 5 years in prison,
10 denial of state and federally funded student loans and grants, and delay of US
11 citizenship for 5 years for all non-citizens.

12 B. "Current Exemptions" is defined as all current exemptions including but not limited to
13 those currently serving in active duty roles, in service academies, those who are
14 incarcerated, those who are homebound from their 18th to 16th birthdays, those on
15 non-immigrant visas, and those not 18-25.

16 C. "Other regulations regarding registration" are defined as regulations surrounding
17 registration including but not limited to the ability to register at the age of 17, the ability
18 to register online or by mail, and the requirement to register within 30 days of turning 18
19 with all registration between then and the registrant's 26th birthday being considered
20 late.

21 **Section 3.** The Selective Service System will oversee the implementation of this bill.

22 **Section 4.** This bill shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Benjamin Franklin High School



B13. A bill to create a maximum age limit for all United States politicians and political figures to serve in office

1 BE ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS ASSEMBLED HERE:

2 **Section 1.** This new policy states that any person that is elected into any kind of political
3 office in the United States at the state or federal level must be under the age of 68 at
4 the date of inauguration to serve in office.

5 **Section 2.** If a person exceeds the age of 68 while in office they may remain in their position
6 but will be prohibited from running for any kind of political office after; this includes
7 re-elections. This policy will be applied to any form of political office; this includes those
8 serving in any elected position in the legislative, executive and judicial branches of all
9 government agencies at the state and federal level as well as locally elected positions
10 such as city council, district supervisors and boards, etc. This motion is also applicable
11 to appointed members of presidential administrations.

12 **Section 3.** The executive branch will carry out and uphold this bill. The Federal and State
13 Office Regulation Agency (FSORA) will be instated to regulate the ages of candidates.
14 During campaign registration candidates will be required to submit valid birth
15 certificates, that information will then be kept on a regularly updated record of the ages
16 of running and actively serving members and used to evaluate someone's ability to run
17 for office. Those who attempt to run for offices despite this will be barred from appearing
18 in any pre-election events such as debates and will not appear on voting ballots. In the
19 event of an attempt to circumvent this motion all involved – no matter current political
20 status or age – will be removed from office and declared ineligible from running or
21 serving in office again.

22 **Section 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2028. All laws in conflict with this
23 legislation are hereby declared null and void

Respectfully submitted by:

Benjamin Franklin High School



B14. A Bill to Require Identification and Transparency by ICE and CBP Agents

1 Be it enacted by the congress assembled here:

2 Section 1. All agents of US Immigration and Customs and US Customs and Border

3 Protection are prohibited from wearing face coverings during any action visible to the

4 public. Exceptions shall be made for medical masks and tactical gear.

5 Section 2.

6 A. "Actions visible to the public" is defined as any action made visible to any person not

7 the focus of an action.

8 B. "Medical Masks" is defined as masks for the purpose of maintaining medical health

9 and respiratory safety including but not limited to N95 masks, KN95 masks, surgical

10 masks, and procedure masks.

11 C. "Tactical Gear" is defined as gear designed to, in the case of law enforcement,

12 protect them in situations where risk of injury is high and it is deemed necessary to

13 include this level of protection.

14 Section 3. This legislation shall be carried out by the Department of Homeland Security.

15 Section 4. This legislation shall go into effect July 1, 2026.

16 Section 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby null and void.

Respectfully submitted by:

Benjamin Franklin High School



B15. A Bill to Restore National Public Radio Funding

1. Be it enacted by this Student Congress that:
2. **Section 1:** The United States Federal Government shall restore all funding to the
3. Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) which was previously removed.
4. **Section 2:** The term “Corporation for Public Broadcasting” refers to the nonprofit,
5. private organization initially created by the federal government for the purpose of
6. distributing funding to public broadcasting, such as National Public Radio (NPR) and
7. Public Broadcasting Service (PBS).
8. **Section 3:** The amount to be allocated to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting upon
9. passage of this legislation is \$1,100,000,000.
10. **Section 4:** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.
11. **Section 5:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ascension Episcopal School



B16. 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 4%, or the rate of inflation as determined

4 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 houses,

7 apartments, lofts, studios, condos) or renewing a lease.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will enforce this

9 legislation. HUD will collaborate with state and local housing agencies to monitor

10 compliance, manage disputes, and provide resources for enforcement.

11 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect July 1, 2026

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Teurlings Catholic School



B17. A Bill to Put Age Limits on Politicians

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The age limit of office holders will be set to seventy, the retirement age. On the
3 federal and state levels.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Retirement Age is defined as the age at which a person receives their full
5 retirement benefits.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Committee will oversee the enforcement of the bill.

7 A. Anybody over the age of 70 who is in office will be able to finish their term,

8 B. A candidate must be under the age of seventy on the day of the election to be
9 eligible for office, and if they turn seventy during their term, they may finish the
10 rest of their term, but will not be eligible to run again.

11 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect at the start of the next mid-term elections.

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Teurlings Catholic School



B18. A Bill to Require Health Care Providers to Clearly State All Charges to Reduce Surprise Bills and Unexpected Out-of-pocket Costs

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All health care providers must provide upfront the cost of treatment with
3 and without insurance to prospective patients prior to beginning
4 non-emergency treatment. Charges will not be owed unless both the
5 medical professional or facility and the patient sign showing they have
6 seen and accepted the anticipated cost of the treatment.

7 **SECTION 2.** The phrase health care providers is defined as individuals or organizations
8 that deliver medical and health services to patients. Non-emergency
9 treatment is defined as medical or health-related care for conditions that
10 are not life-threatening, do not require immediate action, and do not pose
11 a risk of permanent harm if delayed.

12 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the
13 Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) shall oversee
14 implementation of this bill.

15 A. If a health care provider fails in providing the proper documentation
16 they will be fined \$500 per violation.

17 B. The funds from the fines will be put into a fund to help citizens who
18 express need for financial assistance with medical bills.

19 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 1st, 2027.

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Teurlings Catholic School



B19. A Bill to Require pedestrians to wear reflective vests to Reduce roadside casualties`

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Pedestrians are legally required to wear reflective vests whilst walking
3 beside roadways from 5:30pm-12:00am.

4 **SECTION 2.** Reflective vests will be defined as a safety garment with reflective strips
5 designed to reflect light back to its source. Roadways will be defined as
6 any locally recognized pathway or route for cars to use.

7 **SECTION 3.** The national highway traffic safety administration will oversee the
8 enforcement of the bill. Penalties vary depending
9 A. Upon the first infraction, offenders will be fined up to \$100. Upon the
10 second infraction, offenders will be fined up to \$300. Upon the third
11 infraction, offenders will be fined up to \$500. On the fourth infraction and
12 beyond, the offender will receive jail time at the discretion of a judge.
13 B. \$1 million dollars will be initially put forth to pay for the creation of
14 reflective vests to be distributed to pedestrians. From there on, the
15 funding for all vests and enforcement will be sourced from fines collected.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 1st, 2027.

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Teurlings Catholic School



B20. A Bill to Overhaul Elementary Education Standards

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. The current standardized test requirements to move onto the next
3 elementary grade level will be nullified, and instead students will only be
4 allowed to move onto the next grade level if they end with a passing grade
5 in their current grade level.

6 SECTION 2. Elementary school grades will be defined as kindergarten through eighth
7 grade. A passing grade level will be defined as a C or above on the six
8 point grading scale (100-94=A, 93-87=B, 86-80=C, etc.).

9 SECTION 3. This will be overseen by the US Department of Education, who will work to
10 fully realize this bill within five years. All schools still in conflict with the law
11 after five years will face the gradual reduction of government funding each
12 year until the new standard is met, at which point the original amount of
13 funding received will resume.

14 A. Schools will be required to report the system they are using to deem
15 students ready for grade level advancement, as well as how many
16 students are and aren't advancing, to the Department of Education, who
17 will check in with any school deemed as problematic regarding the policy
18 change.

19 B. Go into further details if necessary.

20 SECTION 4. This change will be phased in over the course of five years beginning with
21 the 2026-2027 school year.

Respectfully submitted by:

Teurlings Catholic School



B21. A Bill to Abolish Tipped Wages

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **Section 1.** Private businesses in the United States shall be required to end the practice of
3 tipped wages for employees.

4 **Section 2.** A “tipped wage” is a legal arrangement in the U.S. where employers pay tipped
5 employees an hourly wage below the federally established minimum wage, with
6 the expectation that tips will supplement or exceed the standard minimum wage.

7 **Section 3.** The US Department of Labor (DOL) will oversee the following provision. Any
8 business found in violation of these provisions will face a fine of up to \$1,000 per
9 violation.

10 **Section 4.** This legislation will take place March 1, 2030

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

Respectfully submitted by:

St. Thomas More High School



R1. A Resolution to Innovate the Banking Industry

1 **WHEREAS**, The Financial Technology sector (Fintech) generated approximately \$340.1

2 billion USD globally in 2024; and

3 **WHEREAS**, according to Fintech Weekly, the United States has over 10,000 Fintech

4 companies operating within its borders; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Traditional Banking Institutions fall short of improving underserved

6 communities; and

7 **WHEREAS**, a June 2025 World Economic Forum and University of Cambridge report states,

8 “Financial inclusion remains central to the Fintech value proposition, with

9 traditionally underserved segments comprising significant portions of

10 customer bases;” and

11 **WHEREAS**, there is a need to innovate legacy industries in the US such as Banking

12 through regulation and oversight; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) provided guidelines for a

14 Special Purpose National Bank (SPNB) Charter in 2016; now, therefore, be it

15 **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled adopt the OCC’s Special Purpose

16 NationalBank Charter.



R2. A Resolution to Protect Consumer Privacy

1 **WHEREAS**, Data privacy has become a top concern among American consumers; and

2 **WHEREAS**, according to the Identity Theft Resource Center's 2024 Annual Data Breach

3 Report, data breach notices increased 211% from 2023 and resulted in over

4 1.3 billion victim notices; and.

5 **WHEREAS**, the Federal Bureau of Investigation Internet Crime Report details consumer

6 financial loss of \$16.6 billion USD to cybercrime in 2024; and

7 **WHEREAS**, IBM reported in July 2025 that the average cost of a U.S. data breach

8 reached an all-time high of \$10.22 million USD per breach in 2025

9 compared to the global average cost of \$4.44 million USD per breach; and

10 **WHEREAS**, California deviated from the U.S. market-based model to a more rights-

11 based model with the enforcement of the California Consumer Privacy Act

12 (CCPA) in 2020; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the CCPA closely aligns in policy with the European Union's General Data

14 Protection Regulation (GDPR); and

15 **WHEREAS**, GDPR has provided European Consumers with transparency, increased

16 security, and an infrastructure of data choice; now, therefore, be it

17 **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled develop a policy similar to the CCPA to

18 safeguard consumer privacy across the U.S.



R3. A Resolution to Leave NATO

1 WHEREAS, The North Atlantic Treaty Organization has become ineffective in its
2 original purpose and may harm the United States; and
3 WHEREAS, NATO was intended for mutual defence and to deter the Soviet Union from
4 declaring war on one or more member nations and to benefit all member
5 nations; and
6 WHEREAS, The Soviet Union has dissolved and ceases to be a threat; and
7 WHEREAS, The United States does not substantially benefit from its involvement in
8 NATO; and
9 WHEREAS, The United States may be brought into a war if a member state has
10 invoked Article 5; now, therefore, be it
11 RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled shall begin the process of enacting
12 Article Thirteen of the North Atlantic Treaty and thereby cease to be a
13 party of NATO.



R4. A Resolution to Abolish the Death Penalty

1. WHEREAS, the death penalty has disproportionately affected marginalized communities
2. and those from lower socioeconomic backgrounds; and
3. WHEREAS, studies show that the death penalty does not deter crime, but promote a
4. cycle of violence; and
5. WHEREAS, there is a risk of wrongful convictions receiving the death penalty, a grave
6. injustice that cannot be reversed; and
7. WHEREAS, the United States should work to uphold dignity and human rights for
8. individuals, regardless of their actions; now, therefore be it
9. RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the United States abolishes the
10. death penalty in all states, territories, and districts, thereby
11. promoting a justice system that works towards rehabilitation over
12. retribution.



R5. A Resolution to Expand U.S. Participation in the African Continental Free Trade Area

1 **WHEREAS**, the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) is intended to create the
2 largest free trade zone in the world, covering over 1.3 billion people across 54 African
3 nations; and
4 **WHEREAS**, the AfCFTA aims to eliminate tariffs on 90% of goods, promote intra-African
5 trade, and facilitate economic integration; and
6 **WHEREAS**, participation in the AfCFTA could strengthen U.S.-Africa trade relations, diversify
7 American imports and exports, and promote mutual economic growth; and
8 **WHEREAS**, increased trade with African nations may support U.S. businesses, encourage
9 sustainable investment, and improve market access for American goods, services, and
10 technology; and
11 **WHEREAS**, engagement in the AfCFTA can help stabilize governments and encourage
12 democratic and economic reforms in participating nations; and
13 **WHEREAS**, economic collaboration through free trade agreements has historically
14 contributed to job creation, innovation, and international stability; and
15 **WHEREAS**, expanding U.S. participation could advance environmental and labor
16 standards, strengthen intellectual property protections, and address global challenges
17 such as climate change and supply chain vulnerabilities; now, therefore, be it
18 **RESOLVED**, by the Congress here assembled that the United States should pursue active
19 membership, strategic partnerships, and policy alignment with the African Continental
20 Free Trade Area



R6. A Resolution to Outlaw Book Banning

1 WHEREAS, Makes literature less accessible; and

2 WHEREAS, Unfairly sways public opinion due to lack of knowledge available; and

3 WHEREAS, Affects authors' incomes because their book can no longer be sold; and

4 WHEREAS, Discourages authors from writing about controversial topics; and

5 WHEREAS, Leads to the loss of historical perspective ; and

6 WHEREAS, Opens the door to legalized censorship; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that we will work to outlaw the practice

8 of book bans.

Respectfully submitted by:

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