

A Bill to incentivize the construction of affordable housing

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The purpose of this legislation is to address the national housing
2 affordability crisis by increasing the supply of affordable housing units.

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4 **SECTION 2.** Affordable housing shall be defined as residential housing in which rent or
5 mortgage costs do not exceed 30% of a household's gross income.

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7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) shall establish
8 a federal grant program to provide funding to states and municipalities that
9 reform zoning laws to allow for higher-density residential development,
10 including duplexes, triplexes, and multi-family housing.

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12 **SECTION 4.** Grant funds may be used for infrastructure expansion, housing construction
13 subsidies, or partnerships with private developers who agree to set aside at
14 least 25% of units as affordable housing for at least 20 years.

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16 **SECTION 5.** HUD shall oversee the implementation of this legislation and submit an
17 annual report to Congress evaluating housing supply growth and
18 affordability outcomes.

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19 **SECTION 6.** This Legislation will take effect upon passage. All laws in conflict with
20 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mountain Ridge High School

A Bill to Restrict the Sale of Energy Drinks to Minors

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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3. Energy drinks, defined as non-alcoholic beverages containing more than 80 milligrams of
4. caffeine per serving and marketed to increase alertness or energy, shall not be sold to
5. individuals under the age of eighteen (18) within the United States and its territories.

6. SECTION 2.

7. All retailers, including physical and online vendors, shall be required to verify the age of
8. purchasers prior to the sale of energy drinks.

9. SECTION 3.

10. Any retailer found to be in violation of this legislation shall be subject to a civil fine of \$1,000
11. per offense. Repeat violations may result in increased fines or temporary suspension of the
12. retailer's license to sell energy drinks.

13. SECTION 4.

14. This legislation shall be overseen and enforced by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
15. in coordination with state consumer protection agencies.

16. SECTION 5.

17. This legislation shall take effect one (1) year after passage to allow retailers sufficient time to
19. 18. comply.

20. SECTION 6.

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

This legislation is introduced for Congressional Debate by BASIS Peoria

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Protect Equal Rights

1 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is
2 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which
3 shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
4 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven
5 years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

6 **ARTICLE --**

7 **SECTION 1:** Within the United States, it shall be a crime to discriminate
8 against any person or persons on the basis of religion,
9 ethnicity, nationality, language, biological sex, sexuality,
10 gender identity, physical characteristics, or any other inherent
11 characteristic, unless said characteristic has substantial impact
12 on a task immediately relevant to the discrimination.

13 **SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
14 appropriate legislation.

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The Firearm Purchase Age and Safe Storage Act

SECTION 1. The minimum federal age for purchasing semi-automatic rifles shall be raised from 18 to 21 years.

SECTION 2. All gun owners residing with minors under 18 must store firearms in a locked safe or use a trigger-locking device when not in direct possession of the weapon.

SECTION 3. States shall receive \$2 billion annually in federal grants for safe-storage education campaigns and free lock-distribution programs.

SECTION 4. Failure to comply with storage requirements resulting in a child's access to a firearm shall be punishable by up to 3 years imprisonment and a \$50,000 fine.

SECTION 5. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) shall oversee enforcement. This act shall take effect one year after passage.

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A Resolution to Promote Montessori Education Models

- WHEREAS** Maria Montessori’s pioneering educational insights and innovations are still benefiting educators over seven decades after her death; and
- WHEREAS** Many studies have revealed the enormous advantages of the Montessori method for students of all ages and grade levels; and
- WHEREAS** These unique benefits are especially valuable given the current discord and animosity that too often characterize our nation’s discourse; now, therefore be it
- RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that schools of all types throughout the country are strongly encouraged to adopt the Montessori Method, in whole or in part; and be it
- FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress encourages local Departments of Education to fund programs at schools both public and private that support this transition, in particular for older grade levels that have been less likely to utilize this method previously.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by BASIS Scottsdale

A Bill to Ban Promotion of Nazi Ideologies

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Promotion of the ideologies of the German Reich shall hereafter not be
2 considered by default to be protected speech, but shall be viewed as
3 promoting imminent lawless action.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation:
- 5 A. Promotion of the ideologies of the German Reich are actions or speech that
6 support or otherwise fail to denounce the ideologies of the former German
7 Reich, or support or fail to denounce similar ideologies.
- 8 a. The ideologies of the German Reich include but are not limited to
9 Nazism, eugenics, and antisemitism.
- 10 b. Similar ideologies include but are not limited to neo-Nazism,
11 holocaust denialism, and fascism.
- 12 B. Protected speech is speech protected under the First Amendment.
- 13 **SECTION 3.** The implementation and enforcement of this legislation shall be carried out
14 by the Department of Justice, in cooperation with all federal and local law
15 enforcement agencies.
- 16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage. All laws in conflict
17 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mountain View High School.

A Bill to Invest in Recycling Technologies to Decrease Nuclear Waste

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** 50 billion USD shall annually be allocated towards research and
2 development for the recycling of nuclear waste. 75 billion USD shall
3 annually be allocated for 30 years towards building facilities to recycle
4 nuclear waste.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** Nuclear waste shall be defined as radioactive material that is left over after
6 nuclear reactions in power plants.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy will oversee this legislation.
- 8 A. Funding for this legislation shall be allocated from the budget of the
9 Department of Defense.
- 10 B. The Department of Energy will begin planning for this legislation 2
11 years prior to implementation.
- 12 C. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission shall audit the implementation of
13 this legislation every 6 months and will prepare a report on safety and
14 progress for the House Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid
15 Security and the Senate Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety
16 every two years.
- 17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2030. All laws in conflict with
18 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Desert Vista High School

A Bill to Fund the Replacement of Intersections with Roundabouts

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
2. **SECTION 1.** Congress shall apportion an additional \$10 billion a year for each of
3. the next 10 years to the Department of Transportation to support the replacement of
4. traffic intersections with roundabouts.
5. **SECTION 2** A traffic intersection is defined as a place where two or more roads
6. meet, requiring at least one approaching lane of traffic to stop, by means of either a
7. stop sign or a traffic light. A roundabout is defined as a place where two or more
8. roads meet and are directed into a circular roadway to travel counterclockwise
9. around a center island without the use of traffic lights or stop signs.
10. **SECTION 3** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of
11. Transportation, which is additionally directed to establish a fair and speedy process
12. by which sub-federal agencies may apply for and be granted these funds.
13. **SECTION 4** This legislation shall take effect at the start of the next fiscal year.
14. **SECTION 5** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
void

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