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# **A Resolution to Amend the Constitution by adding the Equal Rights Amendment**

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

## **ARTICLE —**

**"Section 1.** Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

**"Section 2.** The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

**"Section 3.** This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification."

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Salina Central HS.*



# A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Ensure Fiscal Responsibility

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 shall be valid to all  
3 intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of  
4 three-fourths of the several states within four years from the date of its submission by the  
5 Congress:

## ARTICLE --

- 6 **SECTION 1:** Whenever the federal deficit exceeds three percent of the nation's Gross  
7 Domestic Product in any fiscal year, all persons serving as members of the  
8 United States House of Representatives or the United States Senate during that  
9 fiscal year shall be ineligible for reelection to their respective offices or election  
10 to any other federal position.
- 11 **SECTION 2:** This ineligibility shall apply to the next scheduled election for each affected  
12 member's office.
- 13 **SECTION 3:** The determination of whether the deficit threshold has been exceeded shall be  
14 made by the Congressional Budget Office within sixty days following the  
15 conclusion of each fiscal year.
- 16 **SECTION 4:** Congress may suspend the provisions of this amendment by a three-fourths  
17 vote of both houses in the event of a declared war, natural disasters that affect  
18 more than three states, or an economic recession as defined by two consecutive  
19 quarters of negative Gross Domestic Product Growth as determined by the  
20 Congressional Budget Office within sixty days following the conclusion of each  
21 fiscal year.

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25 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sedgwick High School.*  
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## **A Resolution to Condition Foreign Aid on Press Freedom Metrics**

- WHEREAS,** Press freedoms around the globe are on a sharp decline; and
- WHEREAS,** The United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has found a global 10% decline in press freedom and freedom of expression over the past 10 years; and
- WHEREAS,** The United States values the uninhibited spread of information and democratic ideals in all areas of the globe; and
- WHEREAS,** The United States spent 71.9 billion dollars on foreign aid in fiscal year 2023, including to countries with low press freedom metrics; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled calls for an established conditioning of U.S. foreign aid based on press freedom metrics established by UNESCO; and, be it
- FURTHER RESOLVED,** That these conditions be established by January 1, 2027.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Nickerson High School.*

## **A Resolution to Phase out Single-Use Plastics to Reduce Environmental Pollution.**

**WHEREAS,** single-use plastic has shown significant harm to the environment around the world; and

**WHEREAS,** single-use plastics pose a serious threat to wildlife and natural habitats because they build up and take anywhere from 20 to 500 years to decompose, and the inherent need for a solution; and

**WHEREAS,** this is directly affecting humans as well as other species by creating environments that are unsuitable for a proper life; and

**WHEREAS,** plastic is one of the biggest things found in areas with lots of garbage; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled shall remove the use of single-use plastic across the country; and, it shall be phased out from regular use.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Garden City High School*

# A Bill to Adopt Energy and Water Standards to Curb AI Data Center Climate Harm

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Energy and Water Standards should be adopted for AI Data Centers to  
2 ensure sustainability.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Failure to comply results in status quo penalties, including but not limited  
4 to: large financial penalties, criminal liability, or operational shutdown.
- 5 **SECTION 3.** Oversight enforcement will be through the Department of Energy, the  
6 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the US Environmental Protection  
7 Agency, & the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.  
8 AI Data Centers must meet the following standards:
- 9 A. Run on 100% carbon free energy by 2030
- 10 B. Comply with strict water-use efficiency standards: using closed-loop  
11 cooling, and the ban on potable water use for cooling.
- 12 C. Pay grid impact fees
- 13 D. Release annual, public reports of a center’s water consumption, emissions,  
14 and energy use
- 15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect one year after being enacted
- 16 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.  
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*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Clay Center Community High School.*

# **A Bill to Amend the Selective Service Act to Require Universal Registration**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** It shall be the duty of every citizen of the United States, and every other person residing in the United States, who, on the day or days fixed for the first or any subsequent registration, is between the ages of eighteen and twenty-six, to present themselves for and submit to registration at such time or times and place or places, and in such manner, as shall be determined by proclamation of the President and by rules and regulations prescribed hereunder.

**SECTION 2.** This Act shall amend the Military Selective Service Act to remove any distinctions or exemptions based on sex or gender in registration requirements.

**SECTION 3.** The Selective Service System shall update all registration materials, procedures, and enforcement mechanisms to reflect universal eligibility and obligation.

**SECTION 4.** A. Failure to comply with registration requirements under this Act shall result in the same penalties and consequences currently prescribed under federal law.

B. No individual shall be denied federal benefits or opportunities on the basis of sex or gender with regard to Selective Service registration compliance.

**SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect one year after enactment.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Newton High School.*

# **A Bill to Ban Telemarketing**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** Title 16, Chapter 1, Subchapter C, Part 310 of the US Code (Telemarketing Sales Rule), subsection C shall be amended to state, “Without the prior consent of a person, it is an abusive telemarketing act or practice and a violation of this part for a telemarketer to engage in outbound telephone calls to a person's residence at any time at the called person's location.”
- SECTION 2.** Telemarketing shall be defined according to the definitions in US Code § 310.2.
- SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission shall be responsible for enforcement of this Act.
- SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.  
*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Newton High School.*

# A Bill to create a Mandatory Supreme Court Ethics Code to Prevent Undue Benefits and Decrease Corruption

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1           **SECTION 1.**    A mandatory ethics code should be made and enforced for  
2           the Supreme Court, adequate to prevent the practice of gifting and  
3           emoluments to Justices that result in undue benefits.

4           **SECTION 2.**    A. “Undue benefits” shall be defined as including but not  
5           limited to: gifts, gratuities, and acts of a similar nature, outside of the  
6           Justices’ Government paycheck, that result in monetary benefits to a  
7           Justice.

8           **SECTION 3.**    Oversight and enforcement is through Congressional  
9           Oversight and the Office of the Inspector General, depending on issue type.  
10          If a conflict of interest is found after investigations, Justice recusal takes  
11          place. Failure to comply with the ethics code would result in grounds for  
12          Congressional Impeachment.

13          The Ethics Code would require

14                 A. The ethics code would require strict gift and emolument  
15                 disclosure

16                 B. A ban on receiving undue benefits in excess of \$50,000

17                 C. That financial interests or impartiality relative to current affairs  
18                 regularly and rigorously questioned, with investigations  
19                 following suspicion

20                 D. That a Justice to the best of their powers rid themselves of  
21                 conflicts of interests,

22                 E. Enforcing more a strict Justice recusal if a conflict of interest is  
23                 found.

24          **SECTION 4.**    This legislation will take effect immediately when enacted

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Clay Center Community High School*

# **A Bill to Create a National Health Insurance Program to Ensure Access to Affordable, Comprehensive, High-quality Health Care for all**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** A National Health Insurance Program will be created.
- SECTION 2.** “National” refers to being available for every U.S. Citizen. “Health Insurance Program” refers to a program that covers anything health related including but not limited to doctor visits, mental health services, prescription medication, diagnostic tests, and treatment.
- SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the implementation of the Nation Health Insurance.
- A. Premiums will be capped at \$150 per month per person.
  - B. Maximum out-of-pocket limits are capped at \$2000 for individuals and \$4000 for families, with deductibles of \$500 for individuals and \$1000 for families.
- SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2027. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Great Bend High School.*

# **A Bill to Establish a Ban on Online Gambling**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** Bill prohibits the use of all online gambling sites.

**SECTION 2.** “Gambling Sites” shall be defined as a site that allows the wagering of something of monetary value on a random event with the intent of winning something else of monetary value.

**SECTION 3.** Bill will be enforced by each states casino regulation agencies (I.E Kansas – KRGC)

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Nickerson High School.*

# A Bill To Federally Means-Test All Social Security Funds

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** Without legislative action, the Social Security Trust Funds are projected to be depleted by 2033. It is the purpose of this legislation to preserve the long-term solvency of Social Security by implementing a federal means-testing system to ensure that benefits are allocated primarily to individuals who demonstrate financial need.

**SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation

- “Means testing” shall refer to a standardized evaluation of an individual’s financial capacity, including income, assets, and overall net worth, to determine eligibility for Social Security benefits.
- “Income” shall include wages, salaries, investment income, retirement distributions, and any other taxable sources of revenue.
- “Assets” shall include liquid financial assets such as savings, stocks, bonds, and other readily accessible holdings, excluding a primary residence.
- “Social Security Benefits” shall refer to all Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI) payments, including standard retirement benefits, administered by the Social Security Administration.

**SECTION 3.** The Social Security Administration (SSA) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) shall be responsible for the implementation and enforcement of this legislation by:

- Establishing income and asset thresholds to determine eligibility for full, reduced, or zero Social Security benefits.
- Reducing benefits on a sliding scale for individuals whose income or assets exceed established thresholds, while preserving full benefits for lower-income recipients.
- Conducting mandatory financial reassessments every two years using existing federal tax and reporting data to verify eligibility.
- Utilizing current SSA and IRS administrative systems to minimize additional costs and prevent fraud or misrepresentation.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect 1 year after its passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Salina South High School*

# **A Bill to make ICE follow the same regulations as other law enforcement agencies.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The Immigration and Customs Enforcement Officers shall be required to show identification and shall be unmasked as are all other law enforcement agencies.

**SECTION 2.** Currently ICE Agents are using masks and are not showing identification which is inconsistent with other law enforcement agencies, causing problems with US Citizens and non-citizens with legal status.

**SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Homeland Security.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Salina Central.*

# A Bill to Mandate Energy Independence for Artificial Intelligence and Commercial Data Centers

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** No data center facility, including those dedicated to Artificial Intelligence (AI) processing, shall be permitted to draw power from the public electrical grid. All such facilities are required to be entirely self-sufficient in their energy production and must operate on an "electrical island."

## **SECTION 2.**

**Data Center** shall be defined as any building, dedicated space within a building, or group of buildings used to house computer systems and associated components, such as telecommunications and storage systems, exceeding a sustained power demand of 5 megawatts.

**Electrical Island** shall be defined as a standalone power generation and distribution system that is physically and electrically isolated from the national and regional public utility grids.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy (DOE) shall oversee the enforcement of this mandate.

- **A.** Data center operators must submit an energy independence plan detailing the "electrical island" infrastructure and the specific power generation methods utilized.
- **B.** The DOE shall conduct annual inspections to ensure no physical or inductive connection to the public utility grid exists.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2027.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hutchinson High School.*

# **A Bill to Order for All Public School Required Vaccines to be Completely Free of Charge for Any Child in the United States.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** All mandatory vaccinations required for enrollment in any public school in the United States shall be provided without cost to all students, regardless of insurance status or income.

**SECTION 2.** "Mandatory vaccinations" means all current injections mandated by state and federal law, such as MMR, DTaP, Polio, and Chickenpox for public school attendance.

"Without cost" means the complete coverage of all related clinics and hospital visits with federal funding in order to avoid out-of-pocket costs, fees for patients and their families.

"Public school" means any school that provides education for free in the United States by using solely local, state, and federal funds.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Education, as well as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, shall be responsible for maintaining and protecting this law.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on August 1, 2027. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Garden City High School.*

# A Bill to Outlaw Lobbying in the United States Congress

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Lobbying, defined as the act of attempting to influence legislation or
3.           government policy through paid communication or activities directed at
4.           Members of Congress or their staff, shall be prohibited in the United States
5. **SECTION 2.** It shall be unlawful for any individual, corporation, organization, or entity
6.           to:
7.           A. Provide monetary compensation, gifts, or favors to Members of Congress
8.           or their staff for the purpose of influencing legislative action; Employ
9.           professional lobbyists or representatives to advocate for specific legislation
10.          or regulatory outcomes;
11.          B. Establish Political Action Committees (PACs) or Super PACs with the
12.          intent of exerting legislative influence.
13. **SECTION 3.** Violations of this Act shall be punishable by fines not exceeding
14.          \$1,000,000 for organizations and \$250,000 for individuals, alongside
15.          potential imprisonment for up to five years.
16. **SECTION 4.** The Department of Justice shall be responsible for enforcement of this
17.          Act.
18. **SECTION 5.** This law shall take effect one year after passage to allow time for
19.          compliance.
20. **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
21.          Void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Great Bend High School.*

# **A Bill to prohibit the ownership of single family homes to prevent corporate control of residential housing**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** Business entities shall be prohibited from owning single family homes.
- SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation, a single family home shall be defined as a detached residential structure designed for occupancy by one household.
- SECTION 3.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development shall oversee enforcement of this legislation through property ownership identification and mandatory divestment of prohibited holdings.
- SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2030. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Haven High School.*

# **A Bill to Prohibit the Sale of Caffeine in Public Schools to Promote Student Health**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** The sale of all food and beverage products containing caffeine shall be prohibited on the premises of any public elementary or secondary school that receives federal funding.

**SECTION 2.** The nutritional requirements for caffeine-free environments shall be modeled after the existing federal competitive food standards that restrict the sale of added sugars in schools.

**SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation through the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS).

- **A.** The FNS shall conduct periodic audits of school vending machines, cafeterias, and school stores to ensure compliance with caffeine-free standards.
- **B.** Schools found in violation of these standards shall face a reduction in federal nutritional subsidies proportional to the severity of the infraction.

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

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hutchinson High School.*

# A Bill To Reform the Code of Conduct used by the Department of Homeland Security

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** Currently, the vague writing in the U.S and Custom Enforcement 1033.1 Code of Conduct has led to abuse of DHS officer powers towards the general population.

**SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation

- “Code of Conduct” refers to the current rules established by Homeland Security, which is located in the U.S and Custom Enforcement 1033.1: Employee Code of Conduct.
- “Lethal weapons” refers to any object classified as a weapon whose intended use is to kill a person, with a specification on firearms.
- “Government Assistance” refers to the standard federal and state benefits given to DHS officers such as but not limited to signing bonuses, student loan repayment and health insurance.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and, the Department of Justice (DOJ) shall be responsible for the implementation and enforcement of this legislation by including the following sections in U.S and Custom Enforcement 1033.1:

- A. Requiring all officers to wear visible badges with identification numbers and names, while on duty.
- B. Banning the use of any lethal weapons.
- C. Banning the use of facial coverings and face masks that obstructs or hides identification.

**SECTION 4.** Anyone who infringes the additions to the conduct code under this bill will face penalties, including:

- A fine up to \$50,000 per violation.
- Unpaid suspension of up to 1 year.
- Restricted government assistance after suspension.

**SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect 30 days after its passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Salina South High School*

# **A Bill to reform federal fuel economy regulations to restore affordable small pickup trucks**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** Federal fuel economy regulations for light trucks shall be revised so that smaller pickup trucks are not penalized based solely on vehicle size.
- SECTION 2.** For this legislation, a light truck shall be defined as a pickup truck with a gross vehicle weight rating under 8,500 pounds.
- SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Transportation shall oversee enforcement of this legislation through the administration and enforcement of Corporate Average Fuel Economy standards.
- SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2030. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Haven High School.*

# **A Bill to Regulate Social Media Platform Practices for Users Under Sixteen Years of Age**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** Social media companies will shut down any account made by minors 16 years of age and under and prevent any new accounts without proper age verification.

**SECTION 2.** “Social Media Platform” means any for-profit online service that enables users to create, share content publicly or semi-publicly, and interaction with content from other users, and that has more than 5 million monthly active users in the United States.

“Minor” means an individual at the age of and under sixteen.

**SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission shall have authority to enforce this Act as an unfair or deceptive trade practice.

A. Failure to comply will result in a complete ban from operation within the U.S.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect by Fiscal Year 2027. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hays High School.*

# **A bill to tax all income over one billion dollars**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** All income exceeding the amount of one billion dollars shall be taxed one hundred percent by the state and federal government

**SECTION 2.** Income shall hereby be defined as earnings levied on the wages, salaries, and/or investments of an individual

**SECTION 3.** Tax revenue shall be divided as 70% going to the federal government, 30% going to state and local governments

**SECTION 4.** Tax exemption and cuts aimed to relieve higher income individuals will remain in law but will not exempt any persons from collecting revenue over one billion dollars

**SECTION 5.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) shall oversee the implementation of this bill and ensure compliance

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dodge City High School.*