

**Florida Gulf Coast
Catholic Forensics League**



**Student Congress Docket
FGCCFL 5, North Port**

A BILL TO PHASE OUT SYNTHETIC FERTILIZERS TO PROTECT SOIL AND WATER HEALTH

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

2 Article I: The United States shall phase out the production, sale, and agricultural use of synthetic
3 nitrogen and phosphorus-based fertilizers by the year 2040, transitioning the nation
4 toward approved organic and regenerative alternatives.

5 Article II: A. Synthetic fertilizers shall be defined as commercially manufactured fertilizers
6 containing industrially produced nitrogen, phosphorus, or potassium compounds not
7 derived from organic sources.

8 B. Organic alternatives shall be defined as fertilizers derived from natural materials
9 including compost, manure, biochar, and other approved soil amendments certified by the
10 U.S. Department of Agriculture.

11 Article III: The provisions of this bill shall take effect January 1, 2026.

12 Article IV: A. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) shall be responsible for
13 enforcing the provisions of this bill.

14 B. The USDA shall create a grant program to assist farmers in transitioning to organic
15 and regenerative practices, funded through existing agricultural sustainability
16 appropriations.

17 C. Exemptions may be granted for specialty crops where no viable organic alternative
18 exists, subject to USDA review and renewal every three years.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Noah Insko
Sarasota High School*

A BILL TO ABOLISH THE UNIVERSAL SCHOOL VOUCHER SYSTEM NATIONWIDE

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

2 Article I: Following its passage through numerous state legislatures across the United States, the
3 universal school voucher system shall be abolished from implementation by state
4 governments.

5 Article II: The Universal School Voucher System shall herein be defined as and include the
6 numerous differently named programs across the United States that provide public funds
7 and taxpayer dollars towards scholarships that students can utilize to attend private
8 charter schools or homeschools.

9 Article III: The provisions of this bill shall take effect on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, in correspondence
10 with National Teachers Day.

11 Article IV: A. The Department of Education, in conjunction with the Internal Revenue Service, shall
12 be responsible for the enforcement of this legislation.

13 B. The Department of Education shall be tasked with deconstructing the universal
14 voucher system and its provisions as implemented in each respective state, while the
15 Internal Revenue Service shall be tasked with ensuring public taxpayer dollars are not
16 rerouted to the universal voucher system or any programs subsequently attempted for
17 implementation by a given state legislature.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Andrew Light
Sarasota High School*

A BILL TO PROVIDE EPINEPHRINE TO FAMILIES WITH ANAPHYLACTIC CHILDREN

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

2 Article I: This legislation provides the life-saving medication epinephrine to Qualifying Families
3 with a Financial Hardship.

4 Article II: A. Qualifying Families shall be defined as families with dependent children who suffer
5 from anaphylactic allergies not currently eligible for Medicaid.

6 B. Financial Hardship shall be defined as total familial income of less than 200% of the
7 Federal Poverty Level.

8 Article III: The provisions of this bill shall take effect January 1st, 2027.

9 Article IV: A. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Internal Revenue
10 Service (IRS) shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

11 B. The HHS shall provide one 2-pack of epinephrine to Qualifying Families annually.

12 C. The HHS and IRS shall maintain a database of all Qualifying Families to prevent
13 fraudulent claims and streamline distribution.

14 D. Families applying for assistance must provide medical documentation proving the
15 need for epinephrine. Such documentation shall be incorporated into the online database
16 established in subsection C

17 E. Five billion dollars shall be allocated from the annual budget of the Department of
18 Defense to enforce the provisions of this bill.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Farah Murray
Robinson High School*

A BILL TO ESTABLISH A FEDERAL EXCISE TAX ON VAPES

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

2 Article I: To combat the rise in electronic smoking devices, the United States shall establish a \$1
3 federal excise tax on Vapes.

4 Article II: “Vapes” shall be defined as an electronic, battery powered nicotine delivery system that
5 uses a liquid containing nicotine and/or flavoring which is heated to produce an inhalable
6 aerosol.

7 Article III: The provisions of this bill shall take effect October 1st 2026.

8 Article IV: The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and Alcohol and Tobacco Trade and Tax Bureau
9 (TTB) shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Sharan Penta
Robinson High School*

A BILL TO REQUIRE DISCLOSE OF CORPORATE POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

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

2 Article I: All Public Corporations shall be required to publicly disclose all financial contributions
3 to political causes.

4 Article II: "Public corporations" are defined as any issuers of securities registered on national
5 securities exchanges.

6 Article III: The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January 1st, 2027.

7 Article IV: A. This legislation shall be implemented by the Securities Exchange Commission.

8 B. Failure to comply will result in a ten-day trade suspension of said Public Corporation's
9 stocks.

10 C. Failure to disclose all financial contributions to political causes after a ten day
11 suspension will result in an involuntary delisting of the violating Public Corporation from
12 any exchange under the jurisdiction of the Securities Exchange Commission.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Christian Melendez
Hillsborough High School*

A BILL TO PAUSE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN OVERCROWDED COUNTIES

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

2 Article I: For the years of 2026-2030, federal housing and community development funding shall
3 be withheld from any county that permits the construction of new large-scale housing
4 developments while designated as Overcrowded under the provisions of this bill.

5 Article II: A. Overcrowded counties shall be defined as those in which water, sewage, or emergency
6 medical services are consistently operating at 95% capacity or higher.

7 B. Large-scale housing developments shall be defined as single residential projects
8 adding 100 or more units of housing to the supply.

9 C. Housing developments already approved and slated for construction prior to January 1,
10 2026, shall not affect county eligibility for development funding.

11 Article III: The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

12 Article IV: The Department of Housing and Urban Development, in coordination with the
13 Environmental Protection Agency and state governments, shall be responsible for
14 enforcing this bill.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Leah Trotter
Sarasota Military Academy*

**A BILL TO REINSTATE LOAN PROTECTIONS FOR NEWLY REDEFINED
NON-PROFESSIONAL CAREERS**

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

2 Article I: The United States Department of Education shall expand and protect federal student loan
3 eligibility for all careers newly classified as non-professional under recent federal policy
4 changes.

5 Article II: A. As used herein Newly Classified Non-Professional Careers shall include all fields
6 redefined as non-professional under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act of 2025 (OBBA).

7 B. As used herein Loss of Professional Loan Status shall mean the reduction or removal
8 of federal loan programs previously available to these fields because of OBBA.

9 C. As used herein Restored Eligibility shall refer to the federal loan access and
10 protections reinstated by this legislation for students entering career fields reclassified by
11 OBBA.

12 Article III: This legislation shall take effect on July 1st, 2026.

13 Article IV: A. The Department of Education shall oversee the enforcement of legislation and is
14 hereby directed to fully reinstate federal student loan limits for all careers reclassified
15 under OBBA to the previous limits.

16 B. As this legislation solely reinstates prior loan protections and limits, it shall require no
17 new funding.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Isabella Castro-Cardona
Southeast High School*

A RESOLUTION TO REDUCE LIGHT POLLUTION IN METROPOLITAN AREAS

1 Whereas: The excessive use of artificial outdoor lighting has created a significant and
2 overwhelming increase in light pollution; and
3 Whereas: Light pollution is a universal problem for urban areas all around the globe, with roughly
4 80% of the world’s population living under skies that are polluted by artificial light; and
5 Whereas: Light pollution contributes to a significant amount of energy waste as well as washes out
6 the night sky, preventing people from seeing stars at night; and
7 Whereas: Few municipalities have implemented policies to combat light pollution, allowing the
8 problem to further intensify without limits; now
9 Therefore, be it resolved that this FGCCFL Student Congress here assembled that metropolitan cities
10 across the U.S. shall implement light pollution policies, including: applying downward
11 shielding to outdoor light posts, installing motion sensors and timers on outdoor light
12 posts, encouraging light curfews for commercial buildings, and offering incentives for
13 good lighting.

Respectfully submitted,

*Alheri Bagna
Admiral Farragut Academy*

**A BILL TO INCREASE FEDERAL FUNDING TO NASA TO
ACCELERATE MARS RESEARCH AND MISSION DEVELOPMENT**

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

2 Article I: The Department of Defense shall allocate 2.5 billion dollars annually from its budget to
3 NASA's Mars Exploration Program for the next five years. These funds shall be allocated
4 to Mars Research and Mission Development.

5 Article II: A. As used herein, NASA refers to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

6 B. Mars Research shall be defined as but not limited to: development of life support
7 systems, advanced propulsion systems for space travel, and scientific studies of Martian
8 habitats.

9 C. Mission Development shall be defined as but not limited to: technology development,
10 autonomous systems research, and strategic planning.

11 Article III: The provisions of this bill shall take effect on July 1st, 2026.

12 Article IV: A. NASA shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

13 B. The Department of Defense is hereby directed to allocate funding from its annual
14 budget in accordance with Article I of this legislation.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Saket Rao
Pine View School*

A BILL TO FUND GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND PROMOTE PUBLIC SAFETY

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

2 Article I: An annual tax of 10% of Original Price shall be levied on all firearms possessed by U.S.
3 residents. This tax will apply to both newly purchased and existing firearms.

4 Article II: A. As used herein, “firearm” refers to any weapon designed to expel a projectile using the
5 energy of an explosive, including but not limited to handguns, rifles, shotguns, and
6 automatic weapons.

7 B. As used herein Original Price refers to sales price at which the firearm was most
8 recently purchased.

9 Article III: The provisions of this bill shall take effect January 1, 2026.

10 Article IV: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and Internal Revenue
11 Service (IRS) shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

12 A. Within 60 days of this bill’s effective date, residents shall, to the best of their ability,
13 report their firearm holdings to the ATF, along with evidence of the value of said
14 firearms. Tax liabilities will be assessed annually on the anniversary of the original
15 assessment date.

16 B. The ATF will maintain a secure electronic database for firearm owners to report their
17 weapon holdings and valuations. This database will be accessible to and utilized by the
18 IRS in assessing individual tax liabilities associated with this bill.

19 C. Failure to comply with the provisions of this bill will result in a fine or confiscation of
20 the unreported firearm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Akan Sviatoslav

Riverview High School

**A BILL TO AMEND FEDERAL LAW TO REPLACE COLUMBUS DAY WITH
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY**

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

2 Article I: The federal holiday currently observed as Columbus Day under 5 U.S.C. §6103(a) shall
3 be redesignated and renamed as Indigenous Peoples' Day.

4 Article II: A. Indigenous Peoples' Day shall be observed in recognition and honor the culture,
5 history, and contribution of the Indigenous communities of Native America, Alaska, and
6 other groups throughout the United States.

7 B. Indigenous Peoples' Day will be observed on the second Monday of October in each
8 year.

9 Article III: The provisions of this bill shall take effect October 1, 2026.

10 Article IV: The Office of Personnel Management and other agencies in relevance shall manage the
11 updates occurring on documentation, official calendars, and other observant materials.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Criztopf Flanders

The Imagine School at North Port

A BILL TO DEVELOP IMPROVED MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

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

2 Article I: The Department of Education shall develop an improved mental health awareness
3 curriculum for elementary and secondary schools.

4 Article II: A. This improved curriculum shall identify and attempt to resolve the mental health
5 conditions prevalent among school children across the nation, as well as provide students
6 with the appropriate resources and information needed.

7 B. To develop the curriculum, the Secretary of Education shall appoint licensed
8 psychologists specializing in child and developmental psychology, who may further
9 conduct surveys of persons currently in the public school system.

10 Article III: This legislation shall take effect on June 1, 2026.

11 Article IV: A. The Department of Education shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this
12 bill.

13 B. Fifty million dollars shall be appropriated for the development of the curriculum.

14 C. Public schools adopting this curriculum shall be entitled to a grant proportional to
15 enrollment, not to exceed \$2,500.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Thien Ngyuen

H.B. Plant High School

A BILL TO SUBSIDIZE THE ETHICAL FARMING OF CHRISTMAS TREES

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

2 Article I: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in tandem with the United States
3 Department of Agriculture (USDA) shall promulgate regulations that promote sustainable
4 farming and distribution of Christmas Trees.

5 Article II: Christmas Trees as used herein refers specifically to the variety of trees grown, harvested
6 and sold in celebration of the Christmas holiday. Such varieties of trees pertinent to this
7 legislation include: Douglas Firs, Basalm Firs, Fraser Firs, Norway Spruces, Blue
8 Spruces, Scotch Pines and/or White Pines.

9 Article III: The provisions of this bill shall take effect July 1, 2026.

10 Article IV: A. The EPA, USDA, and the National Science Foundation shall be responsible for
11 enforcing the provisions of this bill.

12 B. Regulatory paradigms that flow from this bill should prioritize increasing the supply of
13 Christmas Trees available to the general public by 2030 in a manner that accords with the
14 findings from the National Climate Assessment.

15 C. \$500 million will be allocated annually to the promulgating agencies to research and
16 incentivize the sustainable farming of Christmas Tree.

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

Merrily submitted,

FGCCFL Committee