

A Constitutional Amendment to Remove the Debt Ceiling

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

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7. **Section 1.** The United States shall abolish the debt ceiling.
8. **Section 2.** The United States shall automatically designate yearly appropriations at the end
9. of each fiscal year.
10. **Section 3.** Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by necessary legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Anthony Gabrielli – Chaminade High School

A Bill to Require the Redistribution of Surplus Food to Combat Hunger

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** All large-scale retail food engines and grocery chains shall be prohibited
2 from discarding edible, unsold food and must instead donate such surplus
3 to registered non-profit food recovery organizations.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. "Edible Unsold food" shall be defined as food that is past its "Best If
5 Used By" date but remains fit for human consumption according to safety
6 standards, or food with damaged packaging that does not compromise the
7 integrity of the product.

8 B. "Large-Scale Grocery Chain" shall be defined as a retail entity operating
9 more than 10 physical locations nationwide.

10 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) shall oversee the
11 implementation of this bill.

12 A. Grocery chains must enter into formal written contracts with food banks
13 or redistributive charities to manage daily pickups.

14 B. Entities found in violation of this mandate shall be fined \$500 per instance
15 of documented disposal of edible food.

16 I. Entities shall be exempt from fines in instances where the disposal
17 of edible food is a direct result of documented transportation
18 delays or the unavailability of a food recovery organization for
19 pickup on that specific day.

20 C. The federal government shall provide a 10% tax rebate on transportation
21 costs incurred by grocery chains specifically for the delivery of donated
22 goods to food banks.

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

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Javed Ali, Xaverian High School

A Bill to Restrict College Tuition Prices

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** All colleges that receive federal funding for student loans and grants shall
2 have their undergraduate yearly tuition capped. This cap shall begin at
3 \$45,000 for private colleges and \$15,000 for public colleges. The cap shall
4 increase proportionally to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) each year.

5 **SECTION 2.** Tuition shall be defined as any educational expenses and fees a student is
6 charged to attend a college, not including room and board.

7 Federal funding for student loans shall be defined as funding given under
8 Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education (ED) shall implement this tuition cap.

10 A. Termination of federal funding will follow the existing processes of the
11 Higher Education Act of 1965.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on FY 2026 and shall apply starting in the
13 2026-2027 school year.

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

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Daniel Tiger, Brooklyn Technical High School

A Bill to Create a National Sales Tax

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States will hereby create a national sales tax that will apply to all retail purchases of goods and products in the United States, with the exceptions of the products in the legislation that follows.

SECTION 2. The baseline federal sales tax rate will be set at 5% nationally for goods that do not qualify for any exemption.

SECTION 3. The following goods will be exempt from the tax.

- a) Certain grocery items will be exempt from the tax.
 - i) Basic groceries and unprepared foods including fruits and vegetables, canned products, dry cooking ingredients, and bread and dairy products. Prepared goods such as restaurant food, hot food from stores, and snacks and beverages will not be exempt.
- b) Medical devices including but not limited to pacemakers, prosthetic limbs.
- c) Prescription drugs.

SECTION 4. The following goods will be taxed at a higher rate than the 5% baseline.

- a) Yacht purchases in the United States will be taxed at a rate of 15%..
- b) Private jet purchases in the United States will be taxed at a rate of 15%.
- c) Purchases of fine art above the value of 30,000 USD will be taxed at a rate of 20%.

SECTION 5. As administrative burdens typically fall on small businesses, filing for forms will be simplified.

- a) Instead of submitting remittances of revenue on a monthly basis, businesses with under 1 million USD of revenue yearly will be allowed to submit revenue quarterly throughout the year.

SECTION 6. Enforcement will be carried out by the Department of Treasury, and businesses who fail to comply will face penalties and fines determined by the Treasury Department.

- a) The tax will be collected monthly.

SECTION 7. This legislation will take effect 90 days after passage. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this bill will be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted by
Pelham Memorial High School

A Bill to Reduce Recidivism Through Prison Education and Training Programs

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Prisons shall allocate a designated portion of each day for prisoners to
3 participate in educational and vocational training programs. These
4 programs shall include, but are not limited to: literacy, higher education
5 courses, technical training, and vocational skills commonly offered in
6 accredited colleges or trade schools. The purpose of these programs is to
7 provide incarcerated individuals with skills and knowledge that improve
8 employment opportunities upon release and reduce recidivism rates.

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10 **SECTION 2.** For the purpose of this legislation:

11 A. "Recidivism" refers to the tendency of a convicted individual to reoffend.

12 B. "Education" program refers to organized instruction designed to improve
13 knowledge, literacy, or vocational skills.

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15 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Bureau of Prisons, under the Department of Justice, shall
16 implement and enforce this legislation.

17 A. The bureau shall oversee the operation of education and Vocational
18 programs, including staffing, scheduling, and curriculum development.

19 B. The bureau shall monitor program Effectiveness and Report annually
20 to Congress on participation rates, educational outcomes, and impact
21 on recidivism.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Half Hollow Hills High School East.

A BILL to Increase Humanitarian and Military Aid to Ukraine

1 Section 1. The United States will increase its financial aid to Ukraine from \$182.8 Billion to \$197.8
2 Billion.

3 A. Seventy-Five (75%) percent will be allocated to Ukrainian families who are suffering
4 from homelessness, lack of food or clothing and inadequate medical care.

5 B. Twenty-Five (25%) percent will be allocated to the construction and reparation of
6 hospitals, private home and other necessary public facilities.

7 Section 2. The United States will donate 25 F16 fighter jets, 100 Tomahawk missiles and 25 strategic
8 military advisors to Ukraine to assist in its national defense against Russian aggression.

9 Section 3. The cost of this additional financial assistance of \$15 Billion will be underwritten through the
10 U.S. Agency for International Development.

11 Section 4. Funding for the provision of Strategic military advisors sent to Ukraine will be absorbed by
12 the Department of Defense.

13 Section 5. All previous legislation in conflict with this Bill will be declared null and void upon its
14 passage.

15 Section 6 This Bill will take effect on January 1, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Mary Louis Academy

A Bill Proposed Aiming At Eliminating The European Union's Dependence On Russian Gas amid the ongoing conflict in Ukraine.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Article I: To promote international security and reduce funding sources for the Russian government during the war in Ukraine, this legislation supports efforts to reduce and eliminate the European Union's reliance on Russian natural gas.

Article II: Dependence on Russian gas is defined as the purchase or importation by European Union member states on natural gas supplied directly or indirectly by Russia.

Article III: This bill shall take effect on January 1st, 2026.

Article IV: The United States Department of State and War, in coordination with relevant international partners, specifically members of the EU or NATO, shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

A. From 2026 to 2031, the United States shall provide diplomatic, financial, and technical support to assist the European Union in transitioning to alternative energy sources. Following this period, support shall be reduced but maintained at a sustainable level from 2031 onward.

Article V: All laws or policies in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

The St. Francis Preparatory School

A Bill to Construct a High-Speed Rail Line in the Northeast U.S. to Stimulate Economic Growth

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall construct and maintain a high-speed rail line in
3 the 6 northeast United States in order to promote economic growth and
4 reduce 7 the time between cities in the region.

5 **SECTION 2.** The northeast United States shall be defined as the region from Boston to
6 Northern Virginia. The high-speed rail line will at first include one train
7 stop in each of the following places: Northern Virginia, Washington, D.C.,
8 Baltimore, Wilmington, Philadelphia, New York, Providence, and Boston.

9 A. High-speed rail shall be defined as rail that averages above 200
10 miles per hour and that has a wide curve radius in order to
11 maximize that speed.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Transportation shall oversee construction and use
13 existing right-of-ways as well as eminent domain to the land needed for
14 the project.

15 A. Tracks will be built in such a way that additional stops can be
16 added after completion if demand warrants.

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

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A Bill to Lower the Congressional Salary to The Minimum Wage

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Ties the salaries of Representatives and Senators of the United States
2 Congress to the Federal Minimum Wage.

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4 **SECTION 2.** The Current Federal Minimum Wage is \$7.25 per hour.

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6 **SECTION 3.** Hours will be tracked based on when each House is in session.

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8 **SECTION 4.** The Treasury Department of the United States shall reimburse all travel
9 expenses for members of Congress based on the average travel cost from
10 their residence district to the District of Columbia. Housing costs will also
11 be reimbursed based on the average hotel price in the District of Columbia.

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13 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on January 3rd, 2027. All laws in conflict with
14 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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18 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Archbishop Molloy High School*

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A Bill to Make SNAP benefits more accessible

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1 - The United States Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) shall expand access to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Ensuring that all who require nutritional assistance, adults, children, and families are able to receive the help they need.

Section 2 - To expand the eligibility requirements under the following conditions:

1. Increase the gross income limit for all households to 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)
2. Automatically qualify low-income college students who are enrolled in at least one semester a year and/or receive Pell Grants.
3. Allow senior citizens and disabled adults to enroll through a short application with minimal documentation.
4. Provide 24-month certification periods for all SNAP card holders.

Section 3 - Streamline the application process and make renewal easier for SNAP card holders.

1. Allow SNAP applications to be completed through government offices, such as Medicaid, Social Security, Veterans Affairs, and municipal housing authorities.
2. Use Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Social Security Administration (SSA), and Medicaid data to pre-fill income and identity information to prevent accidental discrepancies in SNAP applications.
3. Households with fixed incomes (SSI, SSDI, and retirement) get automatic renewal unless circumstances have changed.

Section 4 - People who abuse SNAP benefits will be subject to both civil and/or criminal punishment.

1. Legal SNAP benefits and card use will be monitored and enforced by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS).
2. Any misuse, fraud, or theft of SNAP benefits will be subject to investigation by the United States Secret Service (USSS) in partnership with state and municipal law enforcement agencies.

Section 5 - This legislation will take effect 90 days after passage. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Resolution to Abolish Charter Schools

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Charter schools are a detriment to the education of all students; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** Charter schools operate independently of the government, with little
3 oversight, while still accepting government funding; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Charter schools have had a negligible effect on overall academic performance
5 at best, and impose a financial burden on public schools at worst, causing
6 budget cuts, reduced salaries, and eliminated classes; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Attempts to reform charter schools in the past have failed; therefore, be it
- 8 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that a Department of Education commission
9 be established to create a plan to effectively abolish charter schools by the
10 2027-2028 school year.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Raymond Chen of Stuyvesant High School

A Bill to Subsidize Freight Trains

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Whereas in the status quo, the United States subsidizes
2 inefficient and environmentally destructive long-distance trucking,
3 therefore the more environmentally friendly and efficient freight trains and
4 rail infrastructure will be subsidized with funds from oil subsidies and
5 trucking taxes.

6 **SECTION 2.** Long-distance trucking will be defined as commercial trucks
7 at least 20 feet long that transport goods, usually in shipping containers,
8 that transport the same container at least 250 miles. Oil subsidies will
9 include funding going towards directly decreasing the price as well as
1 subsidies towards production, such as the use of the Intangible Drilling Cost
0 tax break by fracking companies.

1 **SECTION 3.** Immediately upon passage a loan of 50 billion dollars will be
1 allocated toward the construction of new long-distance freight rail and
1 improvements to existing lines. Starting 5 years after implementation oil
2 subsidies will be increasingly re-directed to freight rail lines, freight vehicles,
1 training of previous truck workers to rail workers, and subsidizing the
3 operation of freight companies, until half of all oil subsidies will be
1 transferred by 15 years after implementation. Additionally, a 15 billion
4 dollar tax on long-distance trucking will be implemented, where the fraction
1 paid will scale with the portion of long-distance trucking-related emissions.
5 After 15 years 50 billion dollars will be deducted over time from the
1 subsidies to repay the initial starting funding, resulting in a net zero being
6 deducted from the national budget.

1 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Transportation will be in charge of the
7 implementation of this legislation. If trucks attempt to circumvent this by
1 relaying containers over long distances to function similarly while avoiding
8 classification, it will be up to the DoT to reclassify and fine them, with a
1 minimum of 10 percent of the value of the misappropriated cargo. These
9 fines will go toward funding for the DoT to implement this legislation as
2 well as subsidizing this bill.

- *Respectfully submitted,*
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- *Xavier High School.*