

2026 Lone Star Congressional Debate Legislation

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A Bill to Defund For-Profit Charter Schools

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill amends the definition of a charter school in the Elementary and Secondary
3 Education Act of 1965 to exclude for-profit schools from receiving federal funding.

4 **SECTION 2.** Section 4310 shall now include the following language: A charter school is defined as a
5 publicly funded, independently operated school that is established by a chartering
6 authority. A charter school shall not be classified as a for-profit entity, nor shall it be
7 operated, overseen, or managed by a for-profit entity, including through a contract with a
8 for-profit charter management organization (CMO) or education management organization
9 (EMO).

10 **SECTION 3.** Charter schools that meet the following criteria will remain eligible for federal funding:
11 operated by a nonprofit organization; do not outsource core administrative functions to
12 for-profit entities; may still contract with for-profit vendors for ancillary services, including
13 but not limited to food services, payroll processing, facilities maintenance, transportation,
14 and classroom supplies.

15 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Education shall oversee the implementation of this bill and ensure
16 compliance through annual audits and reporting requirements.

17 **SECTION 5.** Federal funding for charter schools that do not comply with the requirements shall not be
18 renewed beyond the 2025-2026 academic year. Existing nonprofit charter schools and
19 traditional public schools are not affected by this legislation.

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

A Bill to Bring Housing Costs Down

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** This congress shall enact the following measures to help fix the American
2 housing crisis:

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

5 B. States shall be prohibited from enacting and enforcing Zoning Laws
6 with exception to zoning laws enacted for the explicit purpose of
7 preventing construction in areas deemed high-risk

8 C. R-REITs shall be required to pay a 25% corporate tax on all taxable
9 income distributed to investors

10 **SECTION 2.** A. "Rent Control" shall be defined as any regulatory price controls on the
11 rent of residential housing. This shall include price ceilings and vacancy
12 control measures.

13 B. "Zoning Laws" shall be defined as a law or ordinance that dictates
14 land use through the establishment of zoning districts. This includes
15 single-use zoning.

16 C. "R-REIT" (Residential Real Estate Investment Fund) shall be defined
17 as a company that owns, operates, or finances residential real estate.

18 **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Treasury (USDT), the Department of Housing and
19 Urban Development (HUD), and the Federal Emergency Management
20 Agency (FEMA) will oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

21 A. The USDT shall be responsible for implementing and collecting the
22 corporate income tax

23 B. States that fail to comply shall receive a 15% decrease in funds
24 distributed by the HUD, for a cap of 40%

25 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2028

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Plano West Senior High School.

A Bill to Improve SNAP Benefits for Fresh Food to Encourage Healthier Diets

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Government supplemental aid programs for grocery shopping shall be
2 further subsidized to receive a 45% discount on fresh and healthy foods.

3 **SECTION 2.** Governmental supplemental aid programs shall be defined as programs
4 designed to subsidize grocery supply costs for low-income Americans,
5 including but not limited to SNAP and EBT programs. Fresh and healthy
6 foods shall include fresh fruits, vegetables, and proteins and will be
7 specified further by the Food and Drug Association.

8 **SECTION 3.**

9 A. The Food and Drug Association (FDA) and Department of Agriculture
10 (USDA) shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

11 B. The USDA shall oversee a 500 million dollar increase in annual funding
12 to subsidize the cost of discounts on grocery stores.

13 C. The FDA shall establish outlines for the specific products included as
14 eligible for the discount.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2027

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Plano West Senior High School.

A Bill to Reinstate the Cuban Medical Parole Program to End Cuban Exploitation

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall reinstate the Cuban Medical Parole Program in
3 full force.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Cuban Medical Parole Program shall be defined as the previously
5 existing program that granted exploited Cuban medical professionals a
6 pathway to American citizenship.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security will oversee the enforcement of
8 this bill.

9 A. This shall fall under the purview of the United States Citizenship and
10 Immigration Services in conjunction with the Customs and Border
11 Protection office.

12 B. Both offices will facilitate the process for Cuban medical practitioners
13 as well as their immediate family members to enter the US via parole.

14 C. The Congress shall allocate 15 million dollars of the discretionary
15 budget towards this initiative.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in FY 2027. All laws in conflict with this
17 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Plano Senior High School.

The Defense Oversight and Watchfulness (DOW) Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The US Department of War (DOW), formerly known as the Department of
3 Defense (DOD), shall no longer receive additional funding from annual
4 appropriations bills until it can pass a yearly audit, except to adjust for
5 inflation or in the case of war.

6 **SECTION 2.** Audit shall be defined as an official financial examination of an
7 organization's financial accounts, including but not limited to assets and
8 liabilities.

9 **SECTION 3.** The DOW Office of Inspector General will continue its annual audits of
10 DOW components and implement Government Accountability Office
11 (GAO) budget improvements as needed.

12 A. Budget improvements include, but are not limited to, updating
13 accounting systems to hold complete and accurate records of DOW
14 financials, and streamlining valuations of military assets.

15 B. When the DOW can pass its first yearly audit, it will immediately be
16 eligible for additional funding.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in FY 2027. All laws in conflict with this
18 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Plano Senior High School.

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Abolish Executive Orders

1 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article
2 is 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 several states
5 within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

6 **ARTICLE --**

7 **SECTION 1:** Regarding Article 2 of the Constitution, the power of the
8 President to create and sign executive orders shall
9 henceforth be revoked.

10 **SECTION 2:** All current executive orders can only be revoked by
11 Congress through appropriate means such as passing
12 legislation.

13 **SECTION 3:** The Congress shall have the power to enforce this article
14 by appropriate legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Plano Senior High School.

A Bill to Prevent the Distribution of Nonconsensual Artificial Intelligence Generated Sexually Explicit Content

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Covered social media platforms shall be prohibited from knowingly hosting,
2 distributing, monetizing, or algorithmically promoting nonconsensual
3 sexually explicit artificial intelligence generated media depicting an
4 identifiable individual.

5 **SECTION 2.** Artificial intelligence generated media means any image, video, or audio
6 that is wholly or substantially created, altered, or synthesized using
7 generative artificial intelligence or machine learning systems.

8 Sexually explicit means visual depictions of nudity or sexual conduct
9 consistent with definitions under 18 U.S.C. § 2256, excluding lawful
10 medical, educational, or artistic material.

11 Nonconsensual means created or distributed without explicit, affirmative,
12 and revocable consent of the individual depicted.

13 Identifiable individual means any person who can be reasonably identified
14 by facial features, voice, name, metadata, or contextual indicators. Covered
15 social media platform means any online service with more than 10 million
16 monthly active users that hosts or distributes user-generated content.

17 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) shall oversee enforcement of this Act.

18 A. Maintain reasonable and proportionate systems to detect and limit the
19 distribution of prohibited content.

20 B. Provide a clear, accessible, and expedited reporting mechanism for
21 affected individuals.

22 C. Remove verified violations within 24 hours of notice.

23 D. Disable algorithmic amplification of reported content pending review.

24 E. Failure to comply shall constitute an unfair or deceptive act or practice
25 under Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act and be subject to
26 civil penalties.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Prestonwood Christian Academy.

A Bill to Require the Domestic Storage of Sensitive Data of United States Users

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Covered technology platforms that collect or process sensitive data of
2 United States users shall be required to store and process such data
3 exclusively within the territorial jurisdiction of the United States.

4 **SECTION 2.** Sensitive data means personal information including but not limited to
5 biometric identifiers, precise geolocation data, private communications,
6 browsing history, and unique device identifiers.

7 United States user means any individual physically located within the
8 United States or holding U.S. citizenship or permanent residency.

9 Covered technology platform means any social media application, data
10 brokerage service, or digital platform with more than 10 million monthly
11 active United States users.

12 Foreign adversary nation refers to any country designated by the Director of
13 National Intelligence as posing a significant national security risk to the
14 United States.

15 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Commerce, in coordination with the Department of
16 Homeland Security, shall oversee enforcement of this Act. Covered
17 platforms shall be required to:

18 A. Store and process sensitive U.S. user data on servers physically
19 located within the United States.

20 B. Prevent access to such data by foreign governments or entities
21 subject to foreign jurisdiction.

22 C. Submit annual compliance certifications to the enforcing agencies.

23 D. Violations of this Act shall result in civil penalties and potential
24 operational restrictions within the United States.

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

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A Bill to Require Disclosure of Artificial Intelligence Generated Political Content in Federal Elections

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Any political advertisement or election-related content distributed online
2 that is materially generated or altered using artificial intelligence shall
3 include a clear and conspicuous disclosure indicating such use.

4 **SECTION 2.** Artificial intelligence generated or altered content means any image, video,
5 audio, or text that is wholly or substantially created, modified, or
6 synthesized using machine learning or generative artificial intelligence
7 systems.

8 Political content means communications that expressly advocate for or
9 against a candidate, political party, or ballot measure in a federal election.

10 Covered platform means any online service with more than 10 million
11 monthly active users that distributes paid or unpaid political content.

12 Clear and conspicuous disclosure means a visible label, watermark, or
13 audio statement reasonably designed to inform an average user that the
14 content was generated or altered using artificial intelligence.

15 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Commission (FEC) shall oversee enforcement of this
16 Act, in coordination with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) for platform
17 compliance. Covered platforms shall be required to:

18 A. Ensure required disclosures are displayed at the point of user
19 interaction.

20 B. Maintain reasonable procedures to identify and label covered
21 content.

22 C. Preserve records of labeled political content for audit purposes.

23 D. Violations of this Act shall be subject to civil penalties consistent
24 with existing federal election law.

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

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Prestonwood Christian Academy.

The Medical Appearance Restoration Act (MARA)

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. Medicaid, CHIP, Medicare, and all federally regulated private insurers
3 shall provide coverage for medically verified *restorative treatments* for
4 conditions currently classified as “cosmetic,” previously denied under
5 cosmetic exclusions.

6 SECTION 2. Restorative treatments are medically necessary interventions intended to
7 restore normal appearance or function that has been altered by disease,
8 congenital anomalies, trauma, or required medical care, and are
9 prescribed to prevent or reduce physical or psychological harm.

10 SECTION 3. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under the
11 Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), shall oversee and
12 administer all coverage requirements and enforcement actions.

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14 A. A total of \$25 million shall be appropriated for each fiscal year from
15 2026 through 2030 to implement this Act.

16 a. \$15 million shall be allocated to the National Institute of
17 Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS)
18 within the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for research.

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20 b. The remaining funds shall be distributed through grants to
21 rural and medically underserved areas.

22 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on FY 2027. All laws in conflict with this
23 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by The Episcopal School of Dallas

A Bill to Eliminate Squatter Laws

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The legal recognition of squatters' rights shall be abolished across all states. Additionally,
3 federal funding shall be allocated to create or reform homeless shelters to provide
4 adequate housing alternatives.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. "Squatter rights" shall be defined as any claim to the property by individuals occupying
6 it without ownership or a formal lease agreement.

7 B. "Homeless shelters" shall be defined as government-funded facilities offering
8 temporary housing, rehabilitation programs, and job assistance to individuals
9 experiencing homelessness.

10 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) shall be responsible for
11 overseeing the implementation and enforcement of this policy.

12 A. \$1 billion will be given to HUD to provide federal grants to state and local governments
13 to expand or build homeless shelters and implement support services, including
14 housing alternatives, rehabilitation, and job training programs.

15 B. Squatters arrested or caught by law enforcement will be subject to 100 hours of
16 community service and will be released in homeless shelters with no criminal record
17 related to squatting.

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

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

A Bill to Grant Puerto Rico Statehood

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Puerto Rico shall be admitted into the United States as a state and be granted all rights,
3 privileges, and responsibilities equal to the other states.

4 **SECTION 2.** The State of Puerto Rico shall consist of all islands and territorial waters currently under the
5 jurisdiction of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

6 **SECTION 3.** Upon statehood, Puerto Rico shall receive federal representation as follows:

7 A. Two seats in the United States Senate.

8 B. Representatives in the United States House determined by the latest census data.

9 C. Electors based on its congressional representation.

10 **SECTION 4.** The Department of the Interior (DOI) shall oversee implementation of this legislation:

11 A. All Puerto Rican residents shall be subject to federal income tax laws, and federal
12 funding will be allocated for economic adjustments.

13 B. United States federal laws will take full effect in Puerto Rico, overriding any conflicting
14 local laws.

15 C. Congress shall approve the state constitution proposed by the Legislative Assembly of
16 Puerto Rico.

17 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall immediately go into effect.

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

A Bill to Hasten a Transition to Nuclear Energy Technologies

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall hereby designate \$450 billion annually for the next 30 years for the
3 purpose of building a total of 6 petawatt hours of annual electrical generation capacity in
4 nuclear fission reactors. In addition, a one-time fund of \$25 billion will be designated for
5 the purpose of constructing a deep geological repository for transuranic waste capable of
6 storing a minimum of 50 years of waste at the maximum waste production rate of the
7 fission reactors.

8 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this act:

- 9 A. Nuclear fission reactor shall be defined as an electrical generation facility that utilizes
10 the controlled fission of uranium molecules to produce electricity.
11 B. Deep geological repository shall be defined as a storage facility for the purpose of
12 securely containing waste underground for a minimum period of 1,000 years.

13 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen and enforced by the Department of Energy.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in fiscal year 2027.

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

A Bill to Mandate Paid Maternity Leave for All Employees

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All employers in the United States shall provide a minimum of 12 weeks of paid maternity
3 leave to employees following the birth of a child.

4 **SECTION 2.** "Paid maternity leave" shall be defined as a leave of absence granted to a mother after
5 childbirth with full salary compensation.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor shall oversee enforcement of this policy through the following
7 measures:

8 A. Employers who fail to provide paid maternity leave shall be fined \$50,000 per violation.

9 B. A federal fund shall be established to assist small businesses (defined as those with
10 fewer than 50 employees) in covering the costs of paid maternity leave.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

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

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 from farms,
3 manufacturers, and retailers to other nations who are experiencing severe food insecurity
4 through a streamlined aid distribution system.

5 **SECTION 2.** Surplus food waste shall be defined as excess, safe-to-consume food which is discarded due
6 to oversupply, cosmetic imperfections, or nearing expiration but still meeting USDA food
7 safety standards.

8 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) shall oversee the processing, collection, and
9 distribution of surplus food.

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

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

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect July 1, 2027.

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