

**A BILL TO INCREASE THE FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE INCREMENTALLY
TO \$15.00 PER HOUR BY 2031**

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

2 Article I: The Federal Minimum Wage shall be increased incrementally to \$15.00
3 per Hour.

4 Article II: The incremental increase will be implemented in three phases to ease
5 impacts on small business and other potential economic impacts.

6 Article III: Implementation of the full increase will be in effect by January 1st, 2031

7 Article IV: The Department of Labor (DOL), Wage and Hour Division (WHD) will
8 direct and oversee the implementation.

9 A. On January 1st, 2027, the Federal Minimum Wage will increase to
10 \$10.00 per hour.

11 B. On January 1st, 2029, The Federal Minimum Wage will increase to
12 \$12.00 per hour.

13 C. On January 1st, 2031, The Federal Minimum Wage will increase to
14 \$15.00 per hour.

15 Article V: All other laws in conflict with this new legislation shall hereby declared
16 null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

McDowell High School

Erie Diocese

A BILL TO FEDERALLY LEGALIZE ABORTION

BE IT ENACTED BY STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Article 1: All abortion be legal and funded by the national government across the United States of America

Article 2: *Abortion-* a medical procedure used to terminate pregnancy.

Article 3: Full implementation of legislation by January 1st, 2027

Article 4: The FDA and HHS will oversee the passing of this bill by reducing taxpayer money towards abortion and instead requiring the national government to provide funds for abortion efforts.

4A. The decision of abortion will remain with the parents of the unborn fetus.

Article 5: All other laws in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Harbor Creek High School

**A BILL TO LIMIT INTEREST RATES ON STUDENT LOANS TO REDUCE
LONG-LASTING DEBT**

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

2 Article I: The federal government will cap interest rates on all federally issued
3 student loans.

4 Article II: A federal student loan is defined as money borrowed from the federal
5 government to help pay for your education, which must be repaid with
6 interest. An interest rate cap is defined as the financial derivative or
7 contractual limit that places a maximum ceiling on the interest rate of a
8 variable-rate loan, protecting borrowers from rising interest costs. Post-
9 graduate education includes any accredited college, university, or
10 institution.

11 Article III: The U.S. The Department of Education shall oversee the enforcement of
12 this legislation.

13 A. The Department of Education will change all existing and future
14 federal student loans' interest rates to comply with the cap established in
15 Section 1.

16 B. The Department shall conduct annual surveys of federal loan servicers
17 to ensure compliance and enact financial penalties for any violations.

18 Article IV: This law shall go into effect at the start of the 2029-2030 term.

19 Article V: All other laws in conflict with this policy shall hereby declared null and
20 void.

Respectfully submitted,

Fairview High School

A BILL TO INCREASE PAID MATERNITY/PATERNITY LEAVE

BE IT ENACTED BY STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Article 1: This bill aims to guarantee paid maternity and paternity leave to full-time, eligible employees, without sacrificing their days off.

Article 2: *Maternity/paternity leave:* a period of absence from work granted to a mother before and after the birth of her child.

Eligibility includes- worked for a covered employer for at least 12 months, have 1,250+ hours, and have 50+ employees within 75 miles.

Article 3: Full implementation of legislation by January 1st, 2027

Article 4: An additional 8 billion dollars would be provided to the Family and Medical Leave Act(FMLA), which would be distributed across all American companies. These funds would be distributed to companies based on the percentage of pregnant employees.

4A. Eligible employed parents will still be able to have 12 weeks off, however, 6-8 weeks will be given guaranteed pay, duration depends on company policy.

4B. 80% of employee salary shall be provided for the previously mentioned 6-8 weeks.

Article 5: All other laws in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Harbor Creek High School

A BILL TO PROVIDE A NATIONAL BAN ON SINGLE-USE PLASTIC PRODUCTS

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

2 Article I: The United States will institute a restriction on single-use plastic products
3 to reduce waste and pollution, as well as encourage sustainability
4 throughout the country.

5 Article II: For the purpose of this legislation: Single-use plastic items are described
6 as plastic products that are designed to be used once (or for a very short
7 time) and then thrown away, rather than reused, repaired, or recycled
8 many times. Single-use plastic items refer to, but are not limited to, plastic
9 shopping bags, plastic straws and stirrers, plastic utensils, disposable
10 plastic plates and cups, Plastic takeout containers, and expanded
11 polystyrene (foam) food packaging.

12 Article III: This legislation shall take effect at the beginning of the next fiscal year
13 following passage, with restrictions implemented to help provide a gradual
14 shift until a nationwide ban is enacted following a two-year period.

15 Article IV: The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall oversee
16 the implementation of this policy

17 A. Violators shall be subject to civil fines determined and enforced by the
18 EPA, not exceeding \$10,000 per violation.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Meadville Area Senior High School

**A BILL TO REVERSE THE BUDGET CUTS AND STAFF CUTS
AT THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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

2 Article I: All funds being withheld by the administration, over \$6 billion in
3 previously approved formula-allocated grants, affecting programs like
4 after-school services (\$1.4B), teacher development (\$2.2B), and English
5 language learners (\$890M), shall be reinstated and distributed.

6 Article II: All proposed budget cuts and proposals included a total of \$12 billion in
7 cuts to public education, aiming to eliminate \$3.8 billion for K-12
8 programs and cut Pell Grants shall be reinstated.

9 Article III: All staff cuts in the Department of Education, which saw staff reductions
10 of 47%, decreasing to 2,183 people by March 2025, are to be reversed and
11 workers rehired.

12 Article IV: This law shall go into effect on January 1st, 2027

13 Article V: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) shall oversee
14 implementation.

15 Article VI: All laws in conflict with this new policy shall hereby declared null and
16 void.

Respectfully submitted,

McDowell High School

**A BILL TO EXPAND FEDERAL SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH FUNDING TO
INCREASE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS**

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

2 Article I: All federal scientific research funding reduced under the administration of
3 President Donald Trump shall be restored to pre-reduction baseline levels,
4 and annual appropriations for major federal research agencies shall be
5 increased by 15 percent above those restored levels.

6 Article II: A. "Pre-reduction baseline levels" shall be defined as the funding amounts
7 allocated to federal scientific research agencies prior to executive budget
8 reductions enacted during the Trump administration.

9 B. "Major federal research agencies" shall include, but not be limited to,
10 the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, the
11 Department of Energy Office of Science, and the National Aeronautics
12 and Space Administration Science Mission Directorate.

13 C. "Restoration" shall mean reinstating funding levels to their pre-
14 reduction amounts within one fiscal year of this Act's passage.

15 Article III: This Act shall take effect at the beginning of the first fiscal year following
16 its passage.

17 Article IV: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB), in coordination with the
18 listed federal research agencies, shall oversee enforcement of this Act.

19 A. The OMB shall ensure that appropriations reflect restored and
20 increased funding levels during the annual federal budgeting process.

21 B. Agencies receiving restored and expanded funding must submit annual
22 public reports detailing expenditures, research outcomes, and
23 measurable impacts.

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24 Article V: All other laws in conflict with this Act shall hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Fairview High School