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Dear students,

Thank you all for the many legislation submissions! We received more than we can use, but I cannot affix "unfortunately" to the end of that sentence. We are lucky indeed to have so many students engaging in civics education in New Mexico. My priority in assembling this pack was to include something from all schools who submitted legislation, a mix of areas to debate (for example, legislation concerning both domestic and international affairs), and legislation that presented with distinct, debatable sides. If your bill was not used in this legislative pack, please hold on to it and submit again next time. There were many lovely bills which we just did not have room for this time.

Thank you for attending Capitol Congress at the Roundhouse 2026!

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hannah Flake", with a stylized, flowing script.

Hannah Flake & the New Mexico District Committee

A Bill to Ban speeding cameras in the State of New Mexico

BE IT ENACTED BY THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **Section 1.** All Automated Speeding Cameras that issue traffic tickets to drivers in New
2 Mexico are prohibited and must be taken down from all roads.

3 **Section 2. A.** "Automated Speeding Cameras" Road cameras which use highly advanced
4 radar systems to monitor the speed of vehicles on the roadways where they are placed
and issue citations

5 B. "New Mexico Residents" shall be defined as an individual who is domiciled in the state
6 of New Mexico

7 **Section 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the New Mexico Department of
8 Transportation

9 A. All Cities, towns, counties, etc. shall take down any existing automated speeding
cameras and upcoming plans for cameras are hereby halted.

10 B. Any local governance that fails to comply shall be ineligible for state funding until
11 compliance is met.

12 **Section 4.** This legislation shall take effect 90 days after passage.

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

1 **WHEREAS,** The size magnitude of Project Jupiter cannot be supported in
2 Its current state, in the state of New Mexico and
3 **WHEREAS,** The project has lacked in transparency to the locals around the
4 affected areas. Additionally, deceived the public by stating there
5 would be 1,500 jobs, only now dropping by 50% to 800 jobs and
6 **WHEREAS,** Greenhouse gas emissions created by Project Jupiter could be as
7 Much as 12.7 mill. Metric tons annually. Next, the hyperscale
8 infrastructure demands large amounts of water for cooling, taking
9 away from the water needed for nearby agriculture and citizens.
10 Additionally, the immense demand for water from Project Jupiter
11 could cause issues concerning the water along the Rio Grande river
12 to resurface between Colorado,Texas and New Mexico once more
13 due to the sheer quantity of water Project Jupiter will demand;now
14 therefore, be it
15 **RESOLVED,** By Congress, Project Jupiter should be relocated outside of the
16 state of New Mexico by January 1st of 2027; and be it
17 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That Project Jupiter's scale of its data center be scaled down
 substantially.

A Bill to Tax Vacant Residential Property to Increase Housing Availability

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. This act shall impose an annually increasing tax on residential properties that remain vacant for more than 180 days to incentivize owners to rent, develop, or sell unused housing or developable land in residential zones.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

- A. "Residential Property" means any building, structure or portion thereof that is primarily occupied, or designed or intended primarily for occupancy as a residence by one or more households. "Residential Property" includes congregate housing, manufactured homes, housing intended to provide transitional or temporary housing for homeless persons and common health care, kitchen, dining, recreational and other facilities primarily for use by residents of a residential housing project.
- B. "Vacant Residential Land" refers to undeveloped vacant land within a governmentally designated residential zone.
- C. "Vacancy" refers to a residential property that has not been occupied as a primary residence or lawful rental residence for over 180 consecutive days, or vacant residential land that has remained undeveloped for over 180 consecutive days.
- D. "Vacancy" does not include property that:
 - I. Is currently undergoing construction and/or substantial renovation that prevents reasonable habitation.
 - II. Habitation is prevented by a natural disaster, hazardous property condition, or severe health risk.
 - III. The property is subject to probate, foreclosure, or other legal proceeding that prevents its lawful occupancy, rental, sale, or development.
 - IV. The property is actively listed for sale through a licensed real-estate broker at a price consistent with the property's assessed value.

SECTION 3. PROVISIONS

- A. The New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department shall administer and enforce this act.
- B. County assessors shall determine the beginning and duration of a vacancy period on a property.

- 34 C. County assessors shall determine what residential properties and vacant residential
35 land are subject to the additional tax through usage of property records, occupancy
36 records, or information submitted by the property owner.
- 37 D. Property owners will be required to verify whether a qualifying property has been
38 occupied in the previous tax year.
- 39 E. Tax rates established by this act shall be calculated based on the assessed value of
40 the property and shall be applied in addition to all other property taxes currently
41 imposed by law.
- 42 F. The taxation shall be carried out with the following schedule:
- 43 I. Should the property remain unoccupied for a duration of more than 180 days
44 but under a year, a 0.5% tax shall be applied.
- 45 II. Should the property remain unoccupied for at least one year but less than
46 two consecutive years, a 1% tax shall be applied.
- 47 III. Should the property remain unoccupied for two or more years, a 2% tax shall
48 be applied.
- 49 G. Owners may appeal to county assessors based on department established policies.
- 50 H. All revenue shall be distributed to the county or municipality in which the property is
51 for housing development, rehabilitation, or affordable-housing programs, and a sum
52 no greater than \$100,000 shall be given to the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue
53 Department to draft an annual report due no later than December 1 of each year.
- 54 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2028.
All provisions in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cottonwood Classical Preparatory School.

1 **SECTION 1.** This bill may be cited as the “Water Taxation Bill.” New Mexico
2 will implement water tiers, six separate tiers designed to lessen water use and
3 economic harm after implementation.

Subsection A. Tier 1: For every 1,000 gallons used from 0 gallons to 90,000 gallons, a tax of 0.03 dollars will be added.

10 gallons, a tax of 0.07 dollars will be added.

13 **Subsection D. Tier 4:** For every 1,000 gallons used greater than 1,000,000 gallons
14 to 10 million gallons, a tax of 1.00 dollars will be added.

17 **Subsection F. Tier 6:** For every 1,000 gallons used greater than 30 million gallons,
18 a tax of

20 **SECTION 3.** The following definitions shall be given to provide clarity and discourage
21 confusion.

24 **Subsection B.** The following tiers shall be referred to as follows:

26 II. Tier 2: Excessive outdoor household usage

28 **IV. Tier 4: Large-scale agriculture usage**

29 **V. Tier 5: Commercial use**

30 **VI: Tier 6: Excessive commercial use**

31 **SECTION 4.** There will be exemptions for public systems, including but not limited to
32 public schools, public prisons, and public parks.

33 **SECTION 5.** OSE and the NMED will oversee this bill, and each will receive 5% of the
34 Taxes to do so. Every 5 years, the taxes will be adjusted for inflation

35 **Subsection A.** 60% of collected taxes shall be given to environmental non-profits across
36 NM chosen by the NMED and the OSE; the remaining 30% shall be given to
37 the NM general fund.

38 **Subsection B.** Failure to pay taxes owed will result in an increase in a tier level for the
39 following year

40 **SECTION 6.** This legislation will take effect in fiscal year 2028. All laws in conflict
with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lizzie Dixion and Athena Hanna of Albuquerque Academy.

Tax the Rich Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **Section 1.** A wealth tax in the state of New Mexico shall be issued on the residents of the
2 state whose net worth surpasses a total of \$15 million and for residents who are married
3 and file taxes jointly a total net worth surpassing \$50 will incur the tax.
- 4 **Section 2.** A. "Net worth: shall be defined as the value of all the non-financial and
5 financial assets owned by an individual(s) or institution minus the value of all its
6 outstanding liabilities.
- 7 B. "Resident" shall be defined as an individual domiciled in the state of New Mexico
8 during the taxable year
- 9 C. "married couple filing jointly" is referred to as a married couple that submits one return
10 combining their income, deductions, credits, and exemptions
- 11 D. "wealth tax" is defined as a tax on an entity's holdings of assets or an entity's net
12 worth.
- 13 E. "Infrastructure" shall be defined as roads, bridges, dams, the water and sewer systems,
14 and railways.
- 15 **Section 3.** The New Mexico Taxation and Revenue department shall oversee the
16 implementation of this legislation.
- 17 A. The taxation shall go as follows:
- 18 - 1% tax on net worth between \$15 million and \$50 million.
19 - 2% tax on net worth between \$51 million and \$100 million.
20 - 3% tax on net worth exceeding \$100 million
- 21 B. The taxation and revenue department shall audit 30% of all filings yearly based on
22 random selection.
- 23 C. Residents who do not pay the wealth tax are subject to maximum 6 months in a
24 correctional facility and are required to pay all unpaid taxes to the state of New
25 Mexico
- 26 D. Residents may appeal a penalty for not paying the wealth tax to the New Mexico
27 Administrative Hearings Office
- 28 E. All taxed money will go directly to the New Mexico State budget for Infrastructure
29 and the administrative cost for audits each fiscal year after passage
- 30 **Section 4.** The implementation of this legislation shall take effect June 30, 2027
- 31 **Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Establish Minimum Physical Emergency Safety Standards in New Mexico Public Schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All New Mexico public schools shall meet minimum physical emergency
2 safety standards to ensure their ability to respond effectively to lockdowns,
3 evacuations, medical emergencies, and other threats to the safety of
4 students and staff.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** "Minimum physical emergency safety standards" shall be defined as:
6 A. Classroom doors capable of being locked from the inside without
7 requiring an individual to enter the hallway, and exterior entrances
8 capable of being securely locked
9 B. A functioning school-wide emergency notification system and
10 panic-alert system capable of notifying appropriate school personnel
11 and first responders
12 C. Emergency medical supplies and clearly designated evacuation and
13 reunification locations
14 D. A reliable backup method of emergency communication in the event
15 that the school's primary communication system becomes unavailable
- 16 **SECTION 3.** The New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED), in coordination
17 with the Public School Facilities Authority, shall oversee implementation of
18 this legislation through the following mechanisms
19 A. NMPED shall conduct periodic safety assessments to ensure public
20 schools meet the minimum physical emergency safety standards
21 B. Twenty-five million dollars shall be appropriated from the New Mexico
22 General Fund for grants to aid in school upgrades to meet these standards.
23 C. Funding shall be prioritized based on demonstrated safety needs, existing
24 infrastructure, and a school's financial ability to complete necessary
25 improvements without state assistance.
26 D. Schools already meeting these standards shall not be required to replace
functioning equipment or infrastructure.
NMPED may approve equivalent safety measures when appropriate.
E. Schools shall be required to complete an
initial safety assessment by July 1, 2028 and achieve full compliance by

27 July 1, 2030.
28 Extensions may be granted by NMPED when necessary improvements
29 cannot reasonably be completed by the deadline.
30 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2027.
31 All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Susheer Paladugu of Albuquerque Academy.

Bill to Increase Public Safety in New Mexico to Reduce the Crime Rate

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Henceforth, the "Bill to Increase Public Safety in
2 Albuquerque to Reduce the Crime Rate," will be referred to as the
3 "Municipal Enforcement and Security Act," (MESA). **The MESA bill secures**
4 **Albuquerque for everyone.**
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6 **SECTION 2.** Definitions
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8 A. AMS - Meaning Albuquerque Militarized Sector
9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of War shall oversee the conversion of the
10 city of Albuquerque to the AMS.
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12 B. The Federal Bureau of Control shall be under the Department of
13 Homeland Security.
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15 C. The Federal Bureau of Control shall be in charge of the conversion of
16 the city of Albuquerque to AMS.
17 D. The appropriation of an initial 6 billion dollars shall be provided for the
18 retrofitting of the AMS area.
19 a. Perimeter fencing.
20 b. 4 checkpoints being built.
21 c. To build an aerial defence system for long and short range.
22 d. All remaining allocated funds will go to the recruiting and hiring
23 of new staff.
24 E. A recurring 3 billion will be provided annually to maintain upkeep, to be
25 reviewed by Congress in 10 years from the effective date.
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27 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately. All laws in
 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by cottonwood classical

A Bill to Prohibit the Sales of Addictive Nicotine Products in the United States

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States, recognizing the addictive effects of nicotine, shall ensure
2 that nicotine products are phased out of the U.S. market to enhance the
3 public health of the United States. The Congress of the United States
4 recognizes the adverse effects of nicotine products including but not
5 limited to nicotine addiction, toxic chemical ingestion, lung and heart
6 damage.
- 7 **SECTION 2.** The definitions for terms shall be as follows:
- 8 A. Nicotine products shall include, but not be limited to cigarettes,
9 e-cigarettes, chewing tobacco.
- 10 B. Products including nicotine for rehabilitation purposes, such as chewing
11 gum, patches, lozenges, and inhalers sold in retail settings.
- 12 **SECTION 3.** The United States Food and Drug Administration, in conjunction with the
13 Drug Enforcement Agency, shall enforce the following.
- 14 C. Nicotine products, with the exception of products that are used for
15 rehabilitation purposes, will no longer be allowed to be sold in any
16 retail environment on the date that this legislation takes effect.
- 17 D. Possession with intent to distribute nicotine products shall not be
18 criminalized until January 1, 2028.
- 19 E. Possession of nicotine products shall not be criminalized until January
20 1, 2029.
- 21 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027. All laws in conflict with
22 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cottonwood Classical Preparatory School.

A Bill to Ban Glyphosate on Products Intended for Human Consumption in the United States

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The agricultural application of glyphosate on consumed products within the
2 jurisdiction of the United States shall be strictly prohibited in all regions of
3 the country.

4 **SECTION 2.** "Products intended for human consumption" shall refer to agricultural crops
5 and products that are directly or indirectly used as food for humans.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency shall be responsible for enforcing
7 this Act and shall establish regulations to ensure that glyphosate is not
8 agriculturally applied to products intended for human or animal
9 consumption within the United States. The EPA shall provide farmers with
10 180 days' notice before the prohibition on glyphosate takes effect.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on March 8th, 2027. All laws in conflict
12 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

13 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hohzo Academy HS*

Termination of Foreign Aid Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **Section 1.** The United States Government will cease all foreign aid to foreign governments
2 and redistribute those funds to domestic programs within the United States. The act will
3 cover all forms of foreign assistance such as military aid and economic support. There is
4 no termination of humanitarian efforts or relief efforts outside of the Federal Government
5 through organizations.
- 6 **Section 2. A.** "Foreign Aid" shall be defined as the international transfer of capital, goods,
7 or services from a country or international organization for the benefit of the recipient
8 country.
- 9 B. "domestic programs" shall be defined as government programs that affect a nation's
10 internal affairs.
- 11 C. "foreign governments" is defined as any government or body exercising governmental
12 functions, other than the U.S. Government
- 13 D. "Organization" will be defined as an entity that is not part of the government. This can
14 include non-profit and for-profit entities.
- 15 E. "humanitarian/relief efforts" shall be defined as a form of assistance designed to save
16 lives and alleviate suffering during and after crises, such as floods, famine or conflicts.
- 17 **Section 3.** The Department of State shall oversee this legislation
- 18 A. Any current foreign aid agreements will be terminated 18 months after passage
19 with congressional oversight
- 20 B. The State Department shall submit an annual report to the Senate Committee on
21 Foreign Relations
- 22 C. If a threat is posed to the United States over a termination of foreign aid an
23 extension of 90 days will be allowed with an address from the President to
24 Congress.
- 25 D. All funds retrieved from foreign aid efforts shall be redirected to Domestic
26 programs.
- 27 **Section 4.** This legislation will come into effect fully 18 months after passage.
- 28 **Section 5.** Any laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Eliminate Political Action Committees

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

ARTICLE --

7 **SECTION 1:** All Political Action Committees (PACs), Super PACs, and any
8 organization that pools money from corporations, unions,
9 trade groups, or individuals for the purpose of influencing
10 elections are hereby abolished.

11 **SECTION 2:** This amendment shall take effect for all State and Federal
12 elections occurring one year after ratification.

13 **SECTION 3:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
14 appropriate legislation.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Brooke Harmon from Albuquerque Academy.

A Bill to Restore Comprehensive HIV Prevention Services under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **Section 1.** PEPFAR shall restore comprehensive HIV prevention services to their scope
2 prior to January 2025, including HIV testing, PrEP, and other evidence-based programs.
- 3 **Section 2.** A. "PEPFAR" shall be defined as a U.S. government global initiative launched to
4 combat the HIV/AIDS epidemic; formally established by the United States Leadership
5 Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act
- 6 B. "PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis)" is defined as an antiretroviral medication that those
7 without HIV take to prevent getting infected by the virus from sex or injection drug usage
- 8 C. "Non-Governmental Organizations" shall refer to a non-profit entity that is not part of
9 the government.
- 10 **Section 3.** The Department of State through the Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator
11 (OGAC), via PEPFAR, shall be responsible for restoring and administering comprehensive
12 HIV prevention services in participating countries.
- 13 A. "Comprehensive HIV prevention services" shall include HIV testing and counseling,
14 PrEP, condom distribution, and linkage-to-care programs
- 15 B. Services shall be provided through qualified local healthcare facilities,
16 Non-Governmental Organizations, and other implementing partners, prioritizing
17 those located in regions with elevated rates of HIV transmission.
- 18 C. Funding shall be derived from pre-established and future Congressional
19 appropriations
- 20 D. Funds shall be allocated to federal implementing agencies, including the CDC,
21 which shall establish grants and contracts with aforementioned community
22 partners to:
- 23 a. Procure and distribute PrEP, HIV testing supplies, condoms, and other
24 necessary medical supplies
- 25 b. Recruit and train healthcare workers to administer HIV testing and
26 prevention services
- 27 E. The Department of State shall report annually to the House Committee on Foreign
28 Relations and Senate Foreign Relations Committee
- 29 F. If the Department of State fails to submit a complete annual report, the penalty
30 shall abide by previous regulations set for PEPFAR.
- 31 **Section 4.** This legislation shall take effect July 1st, 2027
- 32 **Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void

A Bill to Prohibit the Use of Cryptocurrency for Online Gambling

BE IT ENACTED BY CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Cryptocurrency may not be used as a funding source for digital wagers placed
2 through domestic online gambling operators.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** A. "Cryptocurrency" shall be defined as any digital asset that uses
4 cryptography to secure transactions and is designed to function as a medium
5 of exchange without being issued by a central bank, including but not limited
6 to Bitcoin, Ethereum, and Dogecoin.
- 7 B. "Digital wager" shall be defined as the staking of something of monetary
8 value through an internet based platform on the outcome of a sporting
9 event, game, contest, etc.
- 10 C. "Domestic online gambling operator" shall be defined as any person or
11 entity legally authorized to operate an online gambling service within the
12 United States.
- 13 D. "Funding source" shall be defined as any asset, account, or payment
14 method, used to deposit or transfer funds for the purpose of placing a digital
15 wager.
- 16 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Justice shall be responsible for the
17 enforcement of this Act.
- 18 A. The Department of Justice may bring civil proceedings against any online
19 gambling operator that knowingly violates Section 1.
- 20 B. Any operator found in violation of this Act shall be subject to a civil
21 penalty of up to \$50,000 per violation.
- 22 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect 90 days after its passage.
- 23 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Resolution to reduce misinformation online by expanding the FCC

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Over 70% of Americans see false information online as a major threat, and
2 a majority of every political party, and;
- 3 **WHEREAS,** A large percentage of people would share false information via social
4 media, especially those published often, and;
- 5 **WHEREAS,** 73% of Americans at least sometimes use social media as news, and 21%
6 use it often, and;
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The Federal Communications Commission(FCC) currently has the power to
8 take things that are not following rules off air, in accordance with F388,
9 and;
- 10 **WHEREAS,** The FCC currently only regulates radio and TV, therefore let it be
11 **RESOLVED,** by this congress here assembled that the FCC will gain the ability to
12 regulate all news, where news is any content released by a group that has
13 news in the name or any content that is primarily about real world facts
14 that maintains over 1 million views per month, and;
- 15 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That anything labeled as news must be in compliance with
16 applicable parts of the first paragraph of section A of FCC 388, and be it;
- 17 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That news groups who are not in compliance with section A of FCC
18 388 shall be taken off of the internet in the United States following FCC
19 protocol, and;
- 20 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That companies who do not comply with taking down offending
21 information shall be legislatively banned, and;
- 22 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That to stop offenders more quickly, the chair of the FCC will gain
23 complete authority to review new news networks and label their
24 compliance correctly.
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