



# TFA Fall 2026 Congressional Debate Docket

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## A Bill to Establish a Comprehensive Right to Repair

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1                   **SECTION 1.**     Manufacturers of equipment sold in the United States shall  
2                   be required to provide owners and independent repair providers access to  
3                   the documentation, tools, software, and replacement parts necessary to  
4                   diagnose, maintain, and repair such equipment on fair and reasonable  
5                   terms. Original equipment manufacturers (OEM) shall not use parts pairing,  
6                   software locks, or other technological measures to prevent the installation  
7                   or operation of otherwise functional replacement parts.
- 8                   **SECTION 2.**     A. "Equipment" refers to any non-consumable product,  
9                   including but not limited to consumer electronics, agricultural equipment,  
10                  home appliances, and powered machinery used in interstate commerce.  
11                  B. "Independent repair provider" refers to any individual or business not  
12                  affiliated with the OEM that engages in the diagnosis, maintenance, or  
13                  repair of equipment.
- 14                  C. "Documentation" includes manuals, diagnostic codes, service guides,  
15                  wiring diagrams, schematics, security codes, software updates, and any  
16                  other information required to restore equipment to full functionality.
- 17                  D. "Parts pairing" refers to the use of technology to restrict the installation  
18                  or functionality of replacement parts not approved by the OEM.
- 19                  E. "Fair and reasonable terms" means that OEMs cannot impose a  
20                  substantial restriction on the owner or independent repair provider to  
21                  engage in the diagnosis, maintenance, or repair of covered equipment.
- 22                  **SECTION 3.**     The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) shall oversee  
23                  enforcement of this legislation. The FTC shall be authorized to investigate  
24                  violations, issue civil penalties, and pursue injunctive relief against  
25                  manufacturers that fail to comply with the requirements of this Act.
- 26                  **SECTION 4.**     This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2027. All laws in  
27                  conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.



## A Bill to Conditionalize Military Aid on Ceasefire Adherence

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1                   **SECTION 1.**    The United States Congress shall condition the export of  
2                   military aid to allies on their adherence to international treaties and  
3                   ceasefires, ensuring peacekeeping, incentivizing conflict resolution, and  
4                   maintaining US foreign policy objectives.
- 5                   **SECTION 2.**    A ceasefire and international treaty shall be defined as any  
6                   formally recognized agreement between two or more parties that is  
7                   binding and bilateral that establishes terms to end or reduce conflict  
8                   between states. Military aid shall be defined as monetary assistance,  
9                   military supplies, and weapons exports provided by the United States to  
10                  allied nations.
- 11                  **SECTION 3.**    The Department of Defense (DOD) shall work in  
12                  coordination with the US Department of State in order to administer this  
13                  legislation.
- 14                  A. The Department of State shall monitor situations in which allied nations  
15                  violate ceasefires or agreements and shall escalate verified  
16                  non-compliance reports to the DOD.
- 17                  B. Upon notification, the DOD shall cease all military aid exports to the  
18                  nation in question within a period of 30 days.
- 19                  C. All aid shall pause until the Department of State deems the nation as in  
20                  compliance with the agreement or ceasefire after an additional 30 day  
21                  waiting period.
- 22                  D. The DOD, and Department of State shall issue monthly reports to the  
23                  Government Accountability Office (GAO) for oversight.
- SECTION 4.**    This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027. All laws in  
                  conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.



## **A Bill to Expand the Castle Doctrine to Include Personal Vehicles and Temporary Residences to Strengthen Self-Defense Rights**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Castle Doctrine shall be expanded to legally recognize a person's right  
3 to use reasonable force in self-defense within their personal vehicle and  
4 temporary place of residence when faced with an imminent threat of  
5 serious bodily harm or death.

6 **SECTION 2.** "Castle Doctrine" shall be defined as the legal principle that a person has  
7 no duty to retreat when they are in a place they have a lawful right to be  
8 and may use force to defend themselves.

9 "Personal vehicle" shall be defined as any privately owned or lawfully  
10 occupied mode of transportation, including cars, trucks, and recreational  
11 vehicles.

12 "Temporary residence" shall be defined as a location in which an individual  
13 is staying for a limited period, including hotel rooms, short-term rentals, or  
14 campsites.

15 "Imminent threat" shall be defined as an immediate danger of serious  
16 bodily harm or death.

17 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice (DOJ) shall be responsible for enforcement of  
18 this legislation.

19 A. The DOJ shall issue national guidelines to states who can standardize  
20 the application of expanded Castle Doctrine protections based on state  
21 preference and need.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bellaire High School.*



## A Bill to Establish Free Trade with Myanmar

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   This Congress recognizes the economic and humanitarian crisis in Myanmar  
2                   and shall enact the following measures:
- 3                   A. The United States government shall open free trade with Myanmar by  
4                   removing trade restrictions that limit lawful commerce between the  
5                   two countries.
- 6                   B. The United States government shall provide \$50 million of  
7                   humanitarian aid to Myanmar citizens over the course of 5 years, with  
8                   distribution assisted by NGOs operating in Myanmar.
- 9   **SECTION 2.**   “Free trade with Myanmar” encompasses the removal of broad trade  
10                  barriers, tariffs, and restrictions that prevent lawful trade between the  
11                  United States and Myanmar. “NGOs” are non-governmental organizations  
12                  within Myanmar uncontrolled by the government with the power to  
13                  distribute aid.
- 14   **SECTION 3.**   The Department of State will work with the United States Trade  
15                  Representative and USAID to oversee the enforcement of this legislation.
- 16                  A. Audits will be conducted annually to track the progress of aid  
17                  distribution and sanction relief.
- 18                  B. If found from audits that under 50% of humanitarian aid is reaching  
19                  Myanmar citizens, this Congress shall immediately halt any further  
20                  shipments of aid.
- SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027. All laws in conflict with  
                        this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Plano West Senior High School.*



## A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Reform Presidential Clemency Powers

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

### 6 **ARTICLE --**

7 **SECTION 1:** The power to grant clemency is subject to Congressional  
8 regulation, requiring a majority vote to disapprove; otherwise,  
9 clemency is authorized.

### 10 **SECTION 2:**

- 11 A. The President may grant pardons for federal offenses, excluding the  
12 President, Vice President, or cabinet members for crimes committed  
13 during their terms. Pardons for others are subject to Congressional  
14 disapproval within 30 days by a two-thirds majority in both the House and  
15 Senate.
- 16 B. Commutations require 6 months of rehabilitation, funded by the  
17 Department of Justice, and are not available to repeat offenders.
- 18 C. The President may grant reprieves for up to 2 months without  
19 Congressional disapproval. Reprieves longer than 2 months or cumulative  
20 reprieves adding up to 6 months require Congressional disapproval within  
21 30 days by a two-thirds majority in both the House and Senate.
- 22 D. The President may grant amnesty to a group, subject to Congressional  
23 disapproval within 30 days by a two-thirds majority in both the House and  
24 Senate.

25 **SECTION 3:** The Department of Justice shall fund rehabilitation for commuted  
26 individuals under Congressional oversight, with the President  
27 reporting all clemency actions to Congress.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Prosper High School.*



## The Fair Interest and Lending Equity Act (F.I.L.E. Act)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The United States shall prohibit predatory lending practices by imposing a maximum annual percentage rate (APR) of 36% on all short-term consumer loans. All mandatory fees required to obtain the loan shall be included in the APR calculation.

**SECTION 2.** For this legislation, “annual percentage rate” shall refer to the yearly cost of borrowing expressed as a percentage, including interest and other fees.

“Short-term consumer loans” shall include payday loans, auto title loans, and other small-dollar loans with repayment terms of less than one year.

“Predatory lending” shall refer to lending practices that impose unfair, deceptive, or excessively high costs on borrowers.

**SECTION 3.** The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation by monitoring lenders and ensuring compliance with the 36% APR cap.

A. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) shall investigate and penalize deceptive or fraudulent lending practices associated with violations of this Act.

B. Any lender found in violation of this Act shall be subject to fines, suspension of lending licenses, and restitution payments to affected consumers.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Westlake High School.*



## A Bill to Implement AI-Assisted Detection Systems in High Schools to Identify and Prevent Mental Health Crises

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   The United States federal government shall require the implementation of  
2                   AI-assisted monitoring systems in public high schools to identify early  
3                   warning signs of severe mental health crises among students, including  
4                   risks of self-harm or violence, while maintaining strict privacy protections.
- 5   **SECTION 2.**   “AI-assisted monitoring systems” shall refer to software that analyzes  
6                   anonymized student data such as attendance patterns, academic  
7                   performance, and voluntary counseling reports to identify behavioral  
8                   changes.
- 9                   “Mental health crisis” shall refer to conditions where a student poses a  
10                  serious risk to themselves or others, as determined by established  
11                  psychological guidelines.
- 12                  “Anonymized data” shall refer to data processed without direct identifiers  
13                  unless a high-risk threshold is met.
- 14   **SECTION 3.**   The Department of Education, in coordination with the Department of  
15                   Health and Human Services, shall oversee enforcement.
- 16                   A. Schools shall adopt federally approved AI systems meeting privacy and  
17                   accuracy standards.
- 18                   B. When high-risk thresholds are met, trained school counselors shall  
19                   review cases and determine intervention.
- 20                   C. Strict data protection rules shall prohibit unauthorized data sharing.
- 21   **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect in FY 2028. All laws in conflict with this  
22                   legislation are hereby declared null and void.
- 23   **SECTION 5.**   All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jordan High School.*



## A Bill to Require Gun Licensing to Reduce Violence

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1                   **SECTION 1.**    An active state-issued gun license will be required for the  
2                   ownership, possession, or purchase of all firearms in the United States  
3                   other than for military use.
- 4                   **SECTION 2.**    All rifles, shotguns, and handguns, along with any  
5                   derivatives of such, will be included under this legislation.
- 6                   **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)  
7                   in conjunction with state law enforcement entities will implement and  
8                   oversee the establishment of minimum state gun licensing procedures  
9                   which must include the following:
- 10                  A. A minimum 4-hour firearm safety course which must include  
11                  fundamental safety rules, safe handling and operation, safe storage and  
12                  transport, legal and ethical responsibilities, cleaning and maintenance,  
13                  and de-escalation techniques and avoiding confrontation
- 14                  B. Records check by local law enforcement
- 15                  C. Records check of mental health agencies
- 16                  D. Reference check
- 17                  E. Fingerprint/background check
- 18                  F. License renewal required every 5 years
- 19                  G. Reasons for application rejection may include: history of violent  
20                  felonies and/or misdemeanors; mental evaluation that includes a  
21                  propensity to harm self or others; deceptive, false, or incomplete  
22                  application.
- 23                  **SECTION 4.**    This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2028. All laws in  
24                  conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Katy Taylor High School.*



## Deepfake Prevention and Regulation Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The creation, distribution, or possession with intent to distribute media created using deepfake technology shall be prohibited within the United States.

SECTION 2. For the purposes of this legislation, “deepfake technology” shall be defined as any artificial intelligence-based software or tool that creates synthetic media—audio, video, or images—that falsely depicts individuals saying or doing things they did not actually say or do.

SECTION 3. Exceptions shall be made for:

- A. Satirical works clearly labeled as parody, which do not mislead the public or cause harm to individuals’ reputations.
- B. Academic research conducted by accredited institutions, provided such research does not result in public dissemination of deepfake content.
- C. Law enforcement and national security agencies using deepfake technology for investigative purposes, subject to oversight.

SECTION 4. The Department of Justice shall be tasked with enforcing this legislation and developing guidelines for identifying and prosecuting violations.

A. Any individual or entity found in violation of this act shall be subject to:

- i. Fines up to \$50,000 per offense.
- ii. Imprisonment for up to five years for repeated or egregious violations.
- iii. Civil liability for damages caused to individuals depicted in deepfake media.

B. Funding for enforcement shall be \$500 million annually.

SECTION 5. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2028. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tascosa High School*



## A Bill to Remove Tax Exemptions from Megachurches to Increase Federal Revenue Transparency

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** Megachurches shall no longer qualify for federal tax-exempt status and shall be required to file annual federal income tax returns and pay federal income taxes on taxable income consistent with the rules applied to large nonprofit organizations operating taxable activities.

**SECTION 2.** A. A “megachurch” shall be defined as any religious organization with annual gross revenue exceeding \$10,000,000, including but not limited to donations, tithes, media sales, event income, and revenue from affiliated ministries.

B. “Gross revenue” shall be defined as all income received before expenses, as reported to the Internal Revenue Service under existing nonprofit financial disclosure standards.

C. “Taxable income” shall be defined as gross revenue minus allowable deductions consistent with nonprofit taxable-activity rules under 26 U.S.C. § 511–514, including ordinary and necessary operating expenses.

D. Charitable programs may reduce taxable income only through deductions permitted under federal corporate charitable-contribution rules, which allow deductions up to 10% of taxable income and apply a 1% nondeductible floor, but such programs shall not reduce the federal corporate income tax rate of 21%.

E. For the purposes of this legislation, all campuses, parishes, satellite locations, ministries, and affiliated entities under shared governance, shared finances, or a unified parent organization shall be treated as a single taxable corporate body.

F. Megachurches may not divide or reclassify affiliated entities to avoid the revenue threshold; all financially or administratively connected entities shall be aggregated for taxation.

**SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service shall oversee enforcement of this legislation. Megachurches shall file Form 990 annually and calculate taxable income using the same methodology applied to unrelated business income for nonprofit entities. All revenue collected under this legislation shall be deposited into the Federal Education Stabilization Fund, designated for public school infrastructure, teacher support and retention programs, and technology modernization for underserved districts. Failure to file required documentation shall result in standard IRS penalties for non-filing or under-reporting.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect 6 months after the passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lubbock High School.*