

# A Bill to Reduce Gun Violence

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All firearm ammunition sold privately in the United States of America will be  
3 taxed at a rate of \$.05 per piece of ammunition

4 **SECTION 2.** Firearm Ammunition is projectile that launches from contact with  
5 gunpowder.

6 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be enforced by the United States Department of  
7 Treasury through the same methods used for the collection of sin tax.

8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect 6 months after the date of ratification.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Elena Soler Success Academy HS.*

# A BILL TO ENFRANCHISE NON-VIOLENT FELONS

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All persons convicted of non-violent felonies, as well as self-defense, and manslaughter, shall have  
3 their voting rights re-instated.

4 **SECTION 2.** Voting rights will be re-instated upon parole or probation, or after the sentence has been completed.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Bill will be enforced by the U.S. Department of Justice.

6 **SECTION 4.** This Bill shall take effect June 1, 2016.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Nicholas DeVito of Poly Prep Country Day*

# **A Bill To Assist an Anbar Awakening and Destroy ISIS**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** A. The United States shall deploy 50,000 ground troops into the Anbar region of Iraq with the goal of helping moderate tribes in the area fight and defeat ISIS.

B. These troops shall be allocated \$100 million to assist in training these tribes.

**SECTION 2.** Training shall be defined as any help not resulting in the transfer of weapons or other materials used to cause harm.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense will be tasked with the execution and funding of this bill.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take immediately after passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Stuyvesant High School*

# A Bill To Legalize All Drugs and End the Drug War

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** A. The United States shall legalize the possession of recreational amounts of the following drugs less than or equal to: 25 g Cannabis, 10 g Opium, 5 g Hashish, 2.5 g Cannabis Oil, 2 g Cocaine (Hydrochloride), 2 g Morphine, 1 g MDMA, 1 g Heroin, 1 g Methadone, 1 g Amphetamine, 0.5 g Pure THC, 0.3 g Cocaine (Benzoyllecgonine), 0.1 g PCP, and 500 µg LSD.

B. Persons caught in possession of quantities larger than what is specified shall be punished as if they were selling drugs

C. Funding from the Mérida Initiative and the Central America Regional Security Initiative (CARSI) will be diverted to improve and build new drug rehabilitation centers and syringe and Needle exchange programs will be established

**SECTION 2.** This legislation is modeled after Portugal's law 30/2000

**SECTION 3.** The Drug Enforcement Administration and The Department of Health and Human Services will be tasked with the execution of this bill

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect one year after passage

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Stuyvesant High School*

# A Bill to Ratify UNCLOS

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall ratify the United Nations Convention on the Law  
3 of the Sea

4 **SECTION 2.** US Maritime law shall be changed to be in accordance with the most  
5 recent version of UNCLOS (1994).

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense shall be responsible for enforcing this  
7 legislation.

8 **SECTION 4.** The law shall go into full effect within one year of passage

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Anirban Chakraborty from Acton Boxborough Regional High  
School*

# A Bill to Eliminate the Common Core Program to Fix American Education

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall hereby eliminate the Common Core from the curriculums  
3 of American public Schools.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. The Common Core shall be defined as the Common Core State  
5 Standards Initiative set forward by the National Governors Association.

6 **B.** American public schools shall be defined as schools in the United  
7 States which currently use the Common Core curriculum, beginning with  
8 the incoming class of kindergarteners who have never used the Common  
9 Core, and any and all brand new students in subsequent years. This bill  
10 shall not apply to those who have previously been educated using  
11 Common Core standards.

12 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Education will oversee the enforcement of the  
13 bill.

14 A. The individual branches of the education department on the local  
15 level, along with district boards, shall oversee the implementation of  
16 new curriculums for local schools in their areas of jurisdiction.

17 **SECTION 4.** Upon its passage, this bill shall come into effect on the first day of the  
18 2016-2017 school year for those going into the kindergarten class.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Rep. Danna Burshtine*

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## **The CBS Prisoner Protection Act of 2016**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The CBS Prisoner Protection Act (Commonly referred to as the Cruz-Bezner-Samuel Initiative) aims to uphold prisoners' eighth amendment rights by banning the use of solitary confinement as a punishment in federal prisons.

**SECTION 2.** Solitary confinement is defined as a form of imprisonment in which an inmate is imprisoned in a jail cell away from prisoner to prisoner contact for more than 24 hours at a time.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

- A. A prisoner who wishes to receive an isolated cell must submit a written response to The Department of Justice to provide his/her reasoning for asking for this special accommodation; furthermore, the prisoner will receive physical and mental screenings to determine if the prisoner is healthy enough to decide to be placed in an isolated cell.
- B. Any federal prison found in contempt of this policy will be subject to a swift and extensive investigation by The Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General.

**SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect 90 days after passage.

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

*Respectfully submitted,  
Antonio Cruz  
Half Hollow Hills High School East*

## **A BILL TO REPLACE THE WAR POWERS RESOLUTION**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The War Powers Resolution is hereby repealed. The new policy is as follows: the President must ask for Congressional approval within seven days of ordering deployment of combat and non-covert operations into a foreign territory, and then again after every 90 days.

A. Every 90 days, Congress must vote on the passage of a new 90 day period.

B. If the 90 day period elapses without Congressional approval, then the President must pull all combat forces out of the area in which he originally deployed them.

**SECTION 2.** Combat operations shall be defined as any U.S military operation that is engaged in fighting other armed forces.

A. Armed forces shall be defined as a unified group's military forces.

B. Covert operations shall be defined as those planned and executed so as to conceal the identity of or permit plausible denial by the sponsor.

C. Foreign territory shall be defined as any land that is not under the jurisdiction of the United States.

**SECTION 3.** The United States Congress, in conjunction with the President of the United States, will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

**SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect immediately.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Mashell Rahimzadeh  
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## A Bill to Standardize Taxes

Be it enacted by the Congress here assembled:

Section 1: Tax deductions and write-offs can only be applied up to 15% of the total owed Tax amount prior to deductions and write-offs.

Section 2: Additional unapplied write-offs may be rolled over from year to year, but the total may not exceed the 15% standard.

Section 3: It is the responsibility of the IRS to amend the tax forms and oversee the enforcement of this bill.

Section 4: All of the previous tax codes will be amended to fit the terms of this legislation.

Section 5: This legislation will go into effect beginning the first full year after its passage.

Submitted By,

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# **A Bill to Reduce Ground Military Presence in South Korea and Japan**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.**

2 A. The United States shall reduce its military land units by 50% in South  
3 Korea and Japan and both will be allowed an offensive military entity.

4 B. South Korea and Japan will be allowed to independently produce  
5 military technology and trade by their own convictions.

6 C. The United States will also no longer involve itself in diplomatic  
7 relations between East Asian regions and all policies unless directly  
8 impacting the United States' security or economic interest.  
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10 **SECTION 2.** Military land units shall be defined as any military personnel or  
11 equipment whose operating base resides on land. Military technology shall be  
12 defined as any piece of technology that will be used exclusively by the  
13 military.  
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15 **SECTION 3.** The U.S Department of State will be responsible for the  
16 implementation of this legislation.  
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18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect exactly one year from passage.  
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20 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null  
21 and void.  
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*Introduced for Congressional Debate,  
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