

A Resolution to Establish Term Limits in Congress

1 **WHEREAS**, Members of Congress have no limits on the amount of terms they can serve; and
2 **WHEREAS**, Many serve for long periods of time, drastically reducing the number of available
3 seats in both the Senate and House of Representatives; and
4 **WHEREAS**, This results in a slower rate of Congressional turnover; and
5 **WHEREAS**, An increase in governmental spending as well as exploding deficits which have
6 not been addressed by current legislative occupants; and
7 **WHEREAS**, Term limits would assist in ensuring equal opportunity in Congress; and
8 **WHEREAS**, Term limits are supported by the majority of Americans; now, therefore, be it
9 **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled insists on establishing term limits on
10 members of Congress; and be it
11 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Senate shall be limited to two terms of six years, and the
12 House of Representatives shall be limited to four terms of two years.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sraddha Karthik
Sickles High School*

A Resolution to Limit Solitary Confinement

1 **WHEREAS**, Solitary confinement in prisons during long periods of time has shown to have
2 extreme negative effects on prisoners; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Research has found that prolonged solitary confinement contributes to recidivism;
4 and

5 **WHEREAS**, Studies have demonstrated that prolonged solitary confinement negatively affects
6 mental and physical health; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Less solitary confinement saves taxpayer dollars; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Solitary confinement disproportionately affects African Americans, people who
9 identify as LGBT and those with mental health problems; now, therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED**, that the Student Congress here assembled places a limit of no longer than a month
11 for any prisoner kept in solitary confinement for public and private prisons.

Respectfully submitted,

*Avery Lewis
Wharton High School*

A Bill to Provide Funding for Mexican Immigration NGOs

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall fund Mexican Immigration NGOs by 200,000 dollars per
2 year, over the course of the next 5 years.

3 **SECTION 2.** Mexican Immigration NGOs shall be defined as a non-governmental organization
4 with the purpose of creating a safer United States and Mexican border or providing
5 legal or humanitarian resources to new Mexican migrants.

6 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of State shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

7 B. Recipient NGOs must submit quarterly reports to the Department of State to
8 renew their funding.

9 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on October 1, 2020.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Ray Min
Pine View School*

A Bill to Increase Economic Aid to Australia

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States of America shall allocate \$3 billion in economic aid to the
3 Commonwealth of Australia and its subsequent government.

4 **SECTION 2.** Economic aid shall be defined as monetary or financial help sent to a country
5 from the United States' budget in order to achieve a goal within the country
6 receiving aid.

7 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of State shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of
8 this bill and will, mandatorily, work in concert with the United States Agency for
9 International Development (USAID) to administer the economic aid efficiently
10 and responsibly.

11 B. The Commonwealth of Australia must focus all of the given aid towards
12 alleviating the impacts of climate change on the continent and reducing the
13 stressful damages of the recent wildfires. If the Commonwealth of Australia fails
14 to abide by this subsection all allocated aid in this bill shall be eliminated.

15 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Jorge Hernandez
Riverview High School*

A Bill to Eliminate Provide Military Aid to Somalia

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Two hundred fifty million dollars in military aid shall be given to the government
3 of the Federal Republic of Somalia for the purpose of helping the Somali military
4 eliminate the al-Shabaab jihadist-fundamentalist group.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Military Aid” shall be defined as funds used to purchase firearms, ammunition,
6 heavy weapons, military vehicles, etc.

7 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of State in conjunction with the Department of Defense shall
8 be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

9 B. One hundred million dollars in military aid will be sent to the government of
10 the Federal Republic of Somalia immediately upon passage. The remaining \$150
11 million in military aid will be sent 12 months after the initial transfer. If the
12 Department of State determines that the initial \$100 million was improperly used
13 by the government of the Federal Republic of Somalia in the 12-month
14 intermission between the two transfers, then the second transfer will not be
15 delivered.

16 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

17 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with the provisions of this bill shall be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Eric Xie
Hillsborough High School*

A Bill to Require Houses of Worship to File IRS Information Returns

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All churches or tax-exempt organizations with religious affiliations shall file an
3 IRS 990 Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax every year.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. Church shall be defined as those organizations meeting the characteristics of a
5 church as outlined by the Internal Revenue Service

6 B. Religious affiliations shall be defined as any Integrated Auxiliary of a Church
7 as defined by the Internal Revenue Service.

8 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of the Treasury shall be responsible for enforcing the
9 provisions of this bill.

10 B. Any churches or church-affiliated organizations found in violation of this bill
11 shall lose their 501(c)(3) tax exemptions until compliance has been established.

12 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Marisa Lane
Sickles High School*

A Bill to Eliminate the Corporate Income Tax

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Corporate Income Tax shall be eliminated.

3 **SECTION 2.** Corporate Income Tax is defined as the tax rate levied by the federal government
4 on the income of corporations.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Treasury shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions
6 of this bill.

7 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect October 1, 2020.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Jonathan Sullivan
Sarasota High School*

A Bill to Shut Down the Guantanamo Bay Detention Camp

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Guantanamo Bay Detention Camp shall be shut down.

3 **SECTION 2.** A. “Guantanamo Bay Detention Camp” shall be defined as the military prison
4 located within the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base.

5 B. “Closed down” shall be defined as the discontinuance of all military operations
6 and correctional operations within the Guantanamo Bay Detention Camp.

7 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of Defense shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of
8 this bill.

9 B. All remaining prisoners will be transferred to a federal penitentiary within the
10 United States.

11 C. Military personnel stationed at the Guantanamo Bay Detention Camp will be
12 re-stationed to another military base or re-stationed inside the Guantanamo Bay
13 Naval Base.

14 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Vansh Patel
Hillsborough High School*

A Bill to Protect the Federal Funding of Sanctuary Cities

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Government shall not withhold the federal funding of sanctuary
3 jurisdictions.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. Sanctuary jurisdictions shall be defined as the cities and other bodies of
5 government under the federal government that hold municipal laws protecting
6 undocumented immigrants from deportation and prosecution despite the federal
7 immigration law.

8 B. Federal funding shall be defined as the federal grants and direct federal
9 payments the U.S. government gives to jurisdictions.

10 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of Justice and all grant-making federal agencies shall be
11 responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

12 B. Sanctuary jurisdictions whose funds are withheld are entitled to injunctive
13 relief.

14 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Krystal Tran
Sarasota High School*

A Bill to End Solitary Confinement in Detention Facilities

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

2 **SECTION 1.** It shall be mandatory for detention facilities to house inmates in communal
3 confinement instead of solitary confinement with exceptions to inmates who are
4 medically unable to live with others, as determined by the Department of Justice.
5 The Department of Justice’s current budget shall be increased by 10% to support
6 detention facilities in changes to infrastructure or relocation of inmates.

7 **SECTION 2.** A. Solitary confinement includes a single person in one cell with no interaction
8 with any other individual for an extended amount of time; this may be days,
9 months or years.

10 B. A communal confinement is the confinement of 2 to 4 convicts per cell,
11 depending on the size of the cell.

12 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of Justice shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of
13 this bill.

14 B. Any facility whom is operating under the policy of solitary confinement will be
15 asked to abolish this policy within 6 months. If the facility has not adhered to this
16 timeline, the facility will be fined.

17 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect February 1, 2020.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Lukas Cortes
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A Bill to Make Vaccination for Children Mandatory

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Vaccinations will be made mandatory for all children.

3 **SECTION 2.** A. Vaccinations included in this bill are Chickenpox Vaccine, Diphtheria,
4 Pertussis, and Tetanus (DTaP) Vaccine, Hepatitis A (Hep A) Vaccine, Hepatitis B
5 Vaccine (Hep B), Influenza Vaccine, Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV), and
6 Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) Vaccine.

7 B. Applicable children are any child born in the United States of America aged up
8 to eight years after birth.

9 C. Children who have contraindications to vaccinations are exempt.

10 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of
11 Education shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

12 B. Children who have not taken the listed vaccinations shall be barred from
13 attending public schools for the safety of other children. Schools that admit
14 unvaccinated children in violation of the provisions of this bill shall be denied
15 federal funding.

16 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect one year after passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Onella Moitra
King High School*

A Bill to Impose Price Controls on Prescription Drugs

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Price controls shall be implemented to create a fairer, more affordable pricing
3 scheme for prescription drugs.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. “Price controls” shall be defined as the maximum retail value at which each
5 respective prescription drug can be sold at, as determined annually by the
6 Secretary of Commerce.

7 B. “Prescription drugs” shall be defined here as a class of life-saving
8 pharmaceuticals that treat chronic, devastating conditions including but not
9 limited to Depression, Diabetes, Asthma, Schizophrenia, and Coronary diseases.

10 **SECTION 3.** A. The Food and Drug Administration shall be responsible for regulating the
11 provisions of this bill.

12 B. The Department of Justice may prosecute any corporation or individual found
13 to be noncompliant. Violators may be fined up to twice the revenue generated
14 from sales of the drug.

15 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Aaron Press
Palm Harbor University High School*

A Bill to Produce Clean Energy on the US-Mexico Border

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall operate sites along the United States-Mexican border to be
3 operated by border control agents, with the purpose of providing border security
4 and clean energy to local areas.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. For the purposes of this bill, “Clean Energy” refers to solar, wind, and water
6 energy that’s converted into ordinary forms of consumable energy.

7 B. “Border control agents” refers to employees of the Department of Homeland
8 Security, or other agency, who have been tasked with defending a federal border-
9 in this case, the United States-Mexican border.

10 **SECTION 3.** A. The Departments of Energy and Homeland Security shall enforce the
11 provisions of this bill. The Department of Homeland Security shall construct the
12 sites and operate them upon their completion. The Department of Energy shall see
13 that energy collected at the Sites are distributed to localities correctly.

14 B. The Departments of Energy and Homeland Security will divide evenly the
15 costs of constructing and operating all Sites, of which there shall be 200, placed
16 roughly 10 miles from each other.

17 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on October 1, 2020.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Chase Fenske
Alonso High School*

A Bill to Discharge Student Loan Debt in Bankruptcy

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Bankruptcy courts shall grant discharge to student loans when the student loan
3 borrower is claimed in bankruptcy.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. Discharged loans shall be defined as when an outstanding debt has been
5 forgiven and creditors are not permitted to contact or pursue debtors for the
6 outstanding debt.

7 B. Bankruptcy is the legal proceeding involving a person that is unable to repay
8 outstanding debts.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of
10 this bill.

11 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*ChenJishi Lin
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A Bill to Raise the High School Leaving Age

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress will set a federal school-leaving age, and this age will be 18 years past
3 the date of birth of the student.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. School leaving age is the minimum age that children are legally allowed to
5 leave school.

6 B. Graduation is the award or acceptance of an academic degree or diploma; in
7 this case, it refers to high school diplomas or their equivalent.

8 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of Education shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions
9 of this bill.

10 B. Every Student Succeeds Act Title IV funding will be made conditional on
11 implementation of this legislation at the state level.

12 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

13 **SECTION 5.** All laws, or portions of laws, in conflict with this legislation are declared null and
14 void.

Respectfully submitted,

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