

A Bill to Fund Gene Therapy Research

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States government shall allocate \$500 million towards funding the
3 research and development of gene therapy for medical purposes.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. “Gene therapy” shall be defined as any process wherein human genes are
5 modified in order to combat ailments such as, but not limited to, diseases, health
6 conditions, mutations, and viruses.

7 B. “Medical purposes” shall be defined as any circumstance wherein gene therapy
8 is legally and ethically used to mitigate the effects of such maladies.

9 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of the Treasury shall be responsible for allocating the funding
10 for gene therapy research.

11 B. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s Center for Biologics Evaluation and
12 Research shall have jurisdiction over all research and shall enforce the
13 requirements of legality and ethicality dictated in this bill.

14 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January 1, 2023.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sickles High School

A Resolution to Implement a Federal Carbon Tax

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Currently U.S. carbon emissions are a threat to the world; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** Various health and environmental issues are stemming from carbon emissions;
- 3 and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Using green energy helps to lower carbon emissions; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** A carbon tax would incentivize people to use green energy; now, therefore, be it
- 6 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for a federal Carbon Tax to be
- 7 implemented.

Respectfully submitted,

*Devin Escobedo
Sarasota High School*

A Resolution to Prioritize Skilled Labor Immigrants

1 **WHEREAS,** The United States of America currently has no incentive based program to
2 prioritize intelligent or skilled labor immigrants over refugees, asylum seekers, or
3 general desire immigrants; and
4 **WHEREAS,** The United States is the recipient of more than 1 million immigrants each year;
5 and
6 **WHEREAS,** Intelligent and skilled labor immigrants have a history of being beneficial to their
7 country of immigration; now, therefore, be it
8 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for the United States of America
9 ought to prioritize the immigration of intelligent and skilled labor immigrants
10 above all others, and to subsidize the cost of their immigration in exchange for the
11 anticipated benefits they offer towards American economy and society.

Respectfully submitted,

*David Nguyen
Newsome High School*

A Resolution to Promote Profitable Post-Secondary Majors

WHEREAS, Many post-secondary students choose majors that are unlikely to yield future jobs; and

WHEREAS, These students are henceforth debt trapped, paying student loans on post-secondary studies with little real-world practicality or job availability; and

WHEREAS, More than 60% of post-secondary graduates experience student loan debt at the time of their graduation; and

WHEREAS, Total student loan debt in the United States totals 1.75 trillion dollars; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled calls for a significantly decreased per college maximum enrollment capacity in 4 of the 7 post-secondary traditional Liberal Arts majors; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That post-secondary majors classified as Grammar, Logic, Rhetoric and Music shall face significant decreases in enrollment capacity to better ensure jobs to post-secondary graduates and combat the issue of student loan debt in America.

Respectfully submitted,

*Harini Harsha Sondur
Newsome High School*

A Resolution to Ban Gender Discrimination in Car Insurance Pricing

- 1 **WHEREAS,** An analysis by Forbes in 2021 found that female drivers pay less than males; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** While factors such as accident rate, age, and driving experience naturally change
- 3 over time, gender cannot be expected to change in the same way; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** There is an inherent bias against male drivers; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Several states have already prohibited gender as a factor for auto insurance; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** There is no reason not to become a more egalitarian society; now, therefore, be it
- 7 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for a nationwide ban on the use of
- 8 gender as a factor for auto insurance prices.

Respectfully submitted,

*Tvisha Sarkar
Newsome High School*

A Bill to Ban Anti-Homeless Architecture

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All anti-homeless architecture will be banned in public areas.

SECTION 2. A. Anti-homeless architecture shall be defined as infrastructure purposely designed to deter homeless individuals from staying in public areas for extended periods of time.

B. Banned shall be defined as removing anti-homeless architecture and redesigning infrastructure to be less hostile towards homeless individuals.

SECTION 3. A. The Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Housing and Urban Development shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

B. States that comply with this legislation will be awarded an additional 500 million dollars to put towards maintaining or building homeless shelters.

C. States that fail to comply with this legislation will have their federal funding from the Community Development Block Grant cut by 500 million dollars.

SECTION 4. The provisions of this bill shall take effect 30 months after passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Daniel Buiko
Pine View School*

**A Resolution to Recognize The Unconstitutionality of Laws
Criminalizing Boycotts Against Israel**

1 **WHEREAS**, Numerous States throughout the U.S have passed and enacted Anti-Boycott laws
2 preventing U.S corporations from seizing/limiting operations in Israel and the
3 Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT); and

4 **WHEREAS**, The purpose of these boycotts is often to protest illegal Israeli settlements in the
5 OPT, as well as continued human rights abuses against the Palestinian People;
6 and

7 **WHEREAS**, Anti-Boycott laws restrict the rights of American corporations from financially
8 and commercially penalizing Israel for its actions; and

9 **WHEREAS**, In particular, the aforementioned laws violate corporations' First Amendment
10 right to Free Speech and Freedom of Expression; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled finds that Anti-Boycott laws against
12 Israel, and any nation for that matter, violate the First Amendment of the United
13 States Constitution and are therefore unconstitutional.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ali Hamad
Dr. Kiran C. Patel High School*

A Resolution to Regulate the Sale of Energy Drinks

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Energy drinks are being consumed in an unsafe amount; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** The FDA regulates energy drink ingredients, but only provides guidelines for safe
- 3 limits of consumption; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** The consumption of energy drinks detrimentally impacts the health of those who
- 5 over-consume, most especially teens ages 12 to 17 , therefore, be it
- 6 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for regulation of the sale of
- 7 energy drinks.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bella North
Sarasota High School*

A Resolution to Aid Victims of Domestic Violence

1 **WHEREAS,** Violence occurring in domestic relationships has remained prominent in the
2 United States; and

3 **WHEREAS,** The psychological and emotional wounds of domestic violence are devastating
4 and affects many Americans and their lives today; and

5 **WHEREAS,** This brutality causes low mental health and emotional struggles victims of
6 domestic violence have to manage; now, therefore, be it

7 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for an increase in help for victims
8 of domestic violence.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ella Moulton
Sarasota High School*

A Bill to Assert Federal Authority over Refugee Placement

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Executive Branch of the United States shall have the authority to place accepted refugees in any location under the jurisdiction of the United States.

SECTION 2. No state or local government shall have the authority to reject, protest, or treat adversely any refugee placed within their jurisdiction under the provisions of this bill.

SECTION 3. A. The Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

B. State and local governments and officials in violation of Section 2 of this bill shall be subject to civil or criminal action under existing civil rights laws.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Sanjan Gadde
Hillsborough High School*

A Resolution to Ban Cryptocurrency

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Cryptocurrency is inherently unstable and unsecure; and
2 **WHEREAS,** The cryptocurrency market is effectively a zero-sum game; and
3 **WHEREAS,** Mining cryptocurrency has horrible environmental consequences; and
4 **WHEREAS,** Many cryptocurrencies are built on pump-and-dump schemes; and
5 **WHEREAS,** The profit only goes to early adopters; and
6 **WHEREAS,** The blockchain is vulnerable to forks and is unreliable; and
7 **WHEREAS,** There is no reason not to use normal currency; now, therefore, be it
8 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled ban the use of cryptocurrency in the
9 United States.

Respectfully submitted,

*Delali Yao-Kumah
Newsome High School*

A Resolution to Substantially Increase Climate Action in the United States

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Climate change is Earth’s most pressing problem; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** Sitting idly and letting climate change take effect with cause irreparable global
- 3 warming and air pollution harming the whole human race; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** The Inflation Reduction Act has set a springboard for further climate action with
- 5 cleaning up transit and making energy prices drop; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Many renewable energy sources are too expensive for the common citizen; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Further incentive is needed for people to participate in other renewable options
- 8 such as solar; now, therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled expand and increase funding for
- 10 climate programs and initiatives in the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mikalah Anderson
Newsome High School*