

A Resolution to Restrict the Usage of Sugar Alcohol in the Food Industry

1 **WHEREAS,** The sugar-free food and beverage market as of 2023 is worth approximately
2 nineteen billion dollars; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Sugar alcohol usage as a substitute for sugar in sugar-free products is on the rise;
4 and

5 **WHEREAS,** Sugar alcohols like sorbitol, xylitol, lactitol, mannitol, erythritol, and maltitol
6 have proven to cause health problems; and

7 **WHEREAS,** Some of the health problems include association with increased risk for heart
8 attack, stroke, and gastrointestinal issues; and

9 **WHEREAS,** Those who are targeted to consume sugar alcohol have been found to be at more
10 risk for diverse health issues from sugar alcohol consumption; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled demands for increased sugar alcohol
12 restrictions and monitoring by the FDA.

Respectfully submitted,

*Anika Sackerlotzky
Sarasota High School*

A Resolution to Impose Stricter Gun Control

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Gun violence continues to increase in the United States; and
2 **WHEREAS,** Guns are attainable with little or no restrictions; and
3 **WHEREAS,** The lack of limitations for gun licensing places weapons in the hands of
4 unsuitable citizens; and
5 **WHEREAS,** The nation continues to be devastated by the detrimental impacts on families and
6 communities due to the lack of gun regulations; now, therefore, be it
7 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled demands the enactment of stricter gun
8 laws.

Respectfully submitted,

*Andrew Light
Sarasota High School*

A Resolution to Install Microplastic Filters in Municipal Water Systems

- 1 **WHEREAS**, Currently microplastics are present in United States drinking water; and
2 **WHEREAS**, Microplastics can hold within them environmental toxins including carcinogens;
3 and
4 **WHEREAS**, These toxins can cause various diseases and health issues; and
5 **WHEREAS**, Installing a filtration system will help prevent such health issues; now, therefore,
6 be it
7 **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled calls for the installation of microplastic
8 filters in municipal water systems.

Respectfully submitted,

*Devin Escobedo
Sarasota High School*

A Resolution to Increase Penalties Across the United States for Hit and Run Offenses

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The penalties for hit and run offenses including human injury are currently
2 inadequate and vary greatly throughout the United States; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Insufficient penalties encourage offenders to flee the scene of the incident; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** The percentage of fatal hit and runs have increased 89.4% between 2012 and
5 2021; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Victims of hit and runs and their families often do not receive justice for this
7 dreadful crime; now, therefore, be it; and
- 8 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for harsher penalties for hit and
9 run offenses in the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ella Collier
Sarasota High School*

A Bill to Abolish College Tuition

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government will abolish tuition fees to students of
3 public colleges, universities, trade schools, and community colleges and increase
4 funding from the Department of Education to state governments for the purpose
5 of distributing necessary funding to the types of institutions listed.

6 **SECTION 2.** “Tuition fees” are defined as the cost that higher educational institutions charge
7 for attending and taking classes, not other costs such as, but not limited to, room
8 and board.

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

11 B. Funding will be generated through a 0.1% financial transaction tax.

12 C. Funding will also be provided by an annual reallocation of \$15 billion from the
13 Department of Defense.

14 D. Leftover funding at the end of each fiscal year shall be redistributed into the
15 creation of infrastructure in public colleges, universities, trade schools, and
16 community colleges at the discretion of the Department of Education.

17 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on October 1, 2024.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Benjamin Butakow
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A Resolution to Fairly Represent Immigrant Children

1 **WHEREAS**, Children that are scheduled to appear in a immigration court appear often without
2 any legal representation; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Without representation, children as young as three years old must appear in an
4 immigration court without anyone to protect and fight for their rights; and

5 **WHEREAS**, As a result, children face deportation proceedings alone facing an outcome of a
6 more likely result of deportation then unaccompanied children with the access to
7 legal counsel; now, therefore be it

8 **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled calls for all minors who are at risk of
9 deportation be assigned a lawyer regardless of circumstance, and be it;

10 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled calls for the allocation of
11 30 million dollars per year to pro bono agencies that take on these cases,
12 distributed in accordance to percentage of cases taken on overall provided by the
13 Department of Justice.

Respectfully submitted,

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