

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
Pine View School*

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,

Shaliana Bravo
Southeast High School

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A Bill to Propose NATO Protection into Africa

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

2 **SECTION 1.** A policy shall hereby be imposed to propose that the protection of NATO
3 membership that Europe enjoys, will be extended into Chinese-influenced Africa,
4 by increasing economic investments with the goal to open membership to Africa
5 and spread democratic ideals.

6 **SECTION 2.** NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) shall be defined as an international
7 military alliance between 31 member countries with the aim to safeguard the
8 freedom and security of its members, as well as promote and uphold democratic
9 ideals.

10 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of State shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation.
11 B. The Department of State will be accountable to increase economic activities in
12 Africa to include them under NATO Protection.

13 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect 90 days after its passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Saket Rao
Pine View School*

A Bill to Reform Driving Education in the United States

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Driving education will be a standardized requirement for a driver’s license.

3 **SECTION 2.** A. “Driving education” is defined as a course or set of courses which covers the
4 operation of all types of vehicles and a standard set of rules and etiquette that
5 should be followed when driving.

6 B. “Standardized requirement” is defined as a nationwide curriculum which every
7 driver must pass in order to obtain a driver’s license.

8 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of Transportation (DOT) shall be responsible for designing
9 the curriculum and enforcing the provisions of this bill and will be allocated \$1
10 billion for these purposes.

11 B. Anyone who hasn’t successfully completed the course will not be allowed to
12 obtain a valid driver’s license. All current drivers are grandfathered in; however,
13 they can be forced to take the course at the discretion of a judge.

14 C. Anyone found driving without a valid driver’s license will serve the current
15 punishment as well as an additional \$1000 fee which will go to maintaining this
16 bill.

17 D. Because the DOT implements safety standards from Congress to minimize car
18 accidents this bill falls under federal jurisdiction.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Tyler Emery
Newsome High School*

A Bill to Require Mental Health Checks Before the Purchase of a Gun

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Mental Health Screenings are required before the (non-private) purchase of a
3 firearm or the acquirement of a gun permit.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. A mental health screening is a standard set of questions that a person answers
5 to help a psychologist/psychiatrist check for signs of a mental disorder.

6 B. In order to receive approval on mental health screening citizens shall have to
7 receive a low risk or acceptable risk.

8 C. If applicant disagrees with assessment they can choose to be reassessed by two
9 different independent psychologist/psychiatrist.

10 D. The Department of Justice (D.O.J.) will come up with a plan to refer citizens
11 who tested and received a high-risk assessment to mental help resources.

12 **SECTION 3.** A. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives within the D.O.J.
13 shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

14 B. Without proper mental health screening, permit to purchase shall be denied.

15 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect two years after passage,

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lorelei Perera

Osceola Fundamental High School

A Resolution to Abolish Single-Family Zoning

1 **WHEREAS,** Currently, it is illegal to build anything except single-family homes on 75% of
2 residential land in the United States; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Poor and minority communities are disproportionately affected by single-family
4 zoning laws; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Single-family zoning limits access to necessary facilities like grocery stores and
6 doctor's offices due to low walkability and limited presence of public
7 transportation; and

8 **WHEREAS,** The increase in the building of single family homes versus townhomes, duplexes,
9 and other residential structures contributes to lack of affordable housing in many
10 neighborhoods; and

11 **WHEREAS,** Walkable communities where residential, commercial, and recreational structures
12 are built close together have a significantly lower contribution to carbon
13 emissions and climate change; and

14 **WHEREAS,** Residents of walkable communities report higher levels of health, civic
15 engagement, and overall satisfaction; now, therefore be it

16 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for the abolition of zoning laws
17 that only allow single-family homes to be built within a given area

Respectfully submitted,

FGCCFL

**A Resolution to Propose a Constitutional Amendment
to Establish an Age Limit for Public Office**

1 **BE IT 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 be
3 valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by
4 conventions in three-fourths of the several states:

5 ARTICLE --.

6 SECTION 1: No person shall hold any elected or appointed office under the
7 United States or any State if that person shall have attained to the
8 age of seventy years, and any official acts by such a person shall be
9 null and void.

10 SECTION 2: A person holding any office subject to this article shall vacate said
11 office upon attaining to the age of seventy years.

12 SECTION 3: This article shall be inoperative if the median life expectancy in the
13 United States exceeds ninety years.

14 SECTION 4: This article shall take effect two years following its ratification.

15 SECTION 5: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
16 appropriate legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

FGCCFL

A Resolution to Replace the Gas Tax with a Mileage Tax

1 **WHEREAS,** Every day, more vehicles are put onto the road that do not require the use of
2 gasoline; and

3 **WHEREAS,** The Highway Trust Fund is highly dependent on the revenue of the nationwide
4 gas tax to maintain its function; and

5 **WHEREAS,** The Highway Trust Fund is the largest source of government funding to improve
6 road conditions; and

7 **WHEREAS,** The revenue from the gas tax will slowly deplete, leaving the Highway Trust
8 Fund unable to fulfill its duties; and

9 **WHEREAS,** A nationwide mileage tax based upon the number of miles driven would not only
10 be sustainable but also apply to every single car on the road; now, therefore be it

11 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for the creation of a nationwide
12 mileage tax and the removal of the nationwide gas tax.

Respectfully submitted,

FGCCFL