

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Limit the Power to Pardon

1 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the
2 following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the
3 United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of
4 the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the
5 several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the
6 Congress:

ARTICLE --

8 **SECTION 1:** The President’s power to grant judicial pardons and
9 commutations, outlined in Article 2 Section 2 of the
10 Constitution, shall now read “they shall have the Power to
11 grant Reprieves and Pardons for Offences against the
12 United States, except in Cases of Impeachment,
13 themselves, or any with a verifiable connection which may
14 be deemed influential to the President’s decision to
15 pardon.”

16 **SECTION 2:** Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by
 appropriate legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Millburn High School.

A Resolution to Declare Period Products as Essential Goods to Abolish the Sales Tax on Tampons

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Period Products are currently considered Luxury goods which allows 22
2 states to implement a sales tax; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** This causes a great imbalance between lower and middle class women who
4 are already struggling; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** A sizable number of women's careers and education are hampered
6 because of inadequate access to menstrual products.
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Menstrual symptoms cause women to miss work at a rate 45.2% more than
8 their non-menstruating counterparts. One in five girls under the age of 18
9 in the United States due to inadequate access to period products miss
10 school; now, therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled will declare all period products as
12 essential goods; and, be it
- 13 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That states will move to abolish their respective sales tax on
14 menstrual products.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Emma Schaible of Phillipsburg High School.

A Bill to Abolish the Draft

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The Selective Service System (SSS) will be abolished, no longer requiring
2 men ages 18- 25 to register for the draft.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** The United States Armed Forces will continue a volunteer based military
4 force that is funded by the SSS budget redistribution. This will remove the
5 power of Congress and the President to institute a nation-wide draft.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** The Selective Service System budget will be reallocated by the end of the
7 next two fiscal years. Funds will be redistributed by need and priority to the
8 Department of Defense and the Department of Health.
- 9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in fiscal year 2025.
- 10 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lilly Grdovic of Phillipsburg High School.

The P.A.R.E.N.T. Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** \$30 billion will be allocated from the Department of Health & Human
2 Services to ensure that the transfer of the custody of unaccompanied alien
3 children is done properly. Children must be under the care of their parent
4 or their legal guardian, or under the supervision of

5 **SECTION 2.** A. Women's reproductive healthcare clinics will be defined as
6 infrastructure, including but not limited to, Obstetrics and Gynecology
7 specialists, abortion clinics, technology, companies, and buildings.

8 B. Decreased costs will be defined as lowered rates of preconception,
9 pregnancy, childbirth, diagnosis, treatment of conditions related to the
10 reproductive system, performing screening exams, birth control counseling,
11 and infection prevention.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health & Human Services will oversee the
13 implementation of this legislation

14 A. The DHHS will conduct annual inspections each year regarding equality,
15 efficiency, and outcome within each project and its construction until
16 the number of women's reproductive healthcare clinics increases by
200%.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect in fiscal year 2025.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lilly Grdovic of Phillipsburg High School.

A Bill to Redistribute Subsidies to Reverse Emissions

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall reinforce its dedication toward ending subsidies to
2 fossil fuel corporations.

3 A. The United States will phase out subsidies by incrementally decreasing
4 subsidies by 10% of the original amount allocated to companies every year.

5 B. Funds recovered from subsidies will be accumulated into a fund to
6 invest in renewable technologies.

7 **SECTION 2.** The following definitions apply

8 A. Subsidies will be defined as forms of financial benefit, whether direct
9 payments or tax exemptions, to incentivize business production or
10 expansion.

11 B. Fossil fuel corporations will be defined as any company engaged in the
12 production, manufacturing, or sale of any non-renewable form of
13 energy, including coal, natural gas, crude oil, petroleum products, etc.

14 C. Renewable energy will be defined as energy that comes from natural
15 sources, replenished at a higher rate than consumed.

16 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Agency
17 shall be responsible for the implementation of this legislation.

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19 A. The Department of Energy will be tasked with the responsibility of
20 ending fossil fuel subsidies by 2035.

21 B. The Environmental Protection Agency will be tasked with the
22 responsibility of approving applications for funding from private
23 companies.

24 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the start of FY 2025. All laws in conflict
25 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hunterdon Central Regional High School.

A Bill to Ban Social Media Advertisements Targeted at Users 16 and Under

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** All social media platforms are hereby prohibited from directing
2 advertisements to users under the age of 16 years.

3 **SECTION 2.** Social media platforms are required to establish default safety tools to
4 protect adolescent users on such platforms and provide guardians with
5 greater autonomy regarding social media use by adolescents.

6 A. Guardians shall have the right to remove their children from
7 content algorithms that direct false, misleading, or harmful content.

8 B. Guardians shall have the right to access, review, and delete the
9 information of adolescent users collected by social media platforms
10 at any time.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Communications Commission shall oversee full enforcement
12 of the above sections

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the start of FY 2025. All laws in conflict
14 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hunterdon Central Regional High School.

A Bill to Place a Tax on Fast Fashion to Counteract Unethical Labor and Climate Change

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Any fast fashion commodity imported into the United States shall be taxed
2 an additional 2% to discourage the purchase of such goods.

3 **SECTION 2.** Fast fashion shall be defined as any clothing made inexpensive by mass
4 production retailers.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will oversee enforcement of this
6 legislation as well as identify the corporations that qualify as fast fashion.

7 A. The money collected by this tax shall be used to fund better waste
8 collection and recycling systems.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2024. All laws in conflict with
10 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by rep. Aanvi Khade from Ridge High School.



A Bill to Implement The Gun Licensing Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** All current and future gun owners are now subject to a 2 month period consisting of court appeals and a mental health check by certified psychiatrists in order to obtain a firearm license and have further restrictions imposed later on.
- A. After obtaining a license, these owners must have mental health checks by certified psychiatrists every year and will have a 5% increase in their federal income tax.
- B. Gun owners must also have a safe, restricted area in their homes to keep their guns. This must be reported to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, during the 2 month licensing period.
- C. Failure or an inability to abide by these restrictions will end in relieving the owner of their gun and license.
- SECTION 2.** Firearms are defined as any portable gun. This includes rifles, handheld guns, shotguns, pistols, etc.
- SECTION 3.** Funding for this legislation will be decided through the Department of the Treasury. Taxes will be imposed through the IRS. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives will oversee the enforcement of this legislation, except the tax mentioned in Section 2A.
- SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2025.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sriya Bhamidipaty from Ridge High School

A Bill to Fund the Sahara Forest Project

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall provide funding to the Bellona Foundation in order
2 for them to be able to continue and better construction on the current
3 Sahara Forest Project.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. The Sahara Forest Project aims to provide fresh water, food, and
5 renewable energy in hot, arid regions as well as re-vegetating areas of
6 uninhabited desert.

7 B. The Bellona Foundation is an international environmental organization
8 and has a strong tradition of identifying and promoting new and innovative
9 solutions to environmental problems.

10 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be enforced by the US Agency for International
11 Development.

12 A. A \$1 billion dollar annual fund shall be allocated to the US Agency for
International Development to fund the Sahara Forest Project.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect at the start of FY 2025. All laws in conflict
with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sameer Bagga from Ridge High School.

Rural Broadband Price Control Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The federal government shall establish price caps on broadband service
2 plans provided by internet service providers (ISPs) in regions defined as
3 rural or underserved.

4 **SECTION 2.** Price caps shall be set based on a combination of factors, including average
5 income levels, cost of living, and the type of broadband service (e.g.,
6 fixed-line, wireless) offered in the respective area.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) shall be responsible for
8 determining the specific price cap thresholds, periodically reviewing and
9 adjusting them as needed.

10 A. The FCC shall establish guidelines to prevent ISPs from engaging in
11 predatory pricing or artificially inflating prices once price caps are
12 established.

13 B. The FCC shall closely monitor and investigate any allegations of
14 anti-competitive practices, including collusion among ISPs to
15 circumvent price caps.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Aditya Rai from Ridge High School.

**A BILL TO ESTABLISH A PRESIDENTIAL YOUTH COUNCIL TO
ENGAGE YOUNG AMERICANS IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The President of the United States shall establish a Presidential Youth Council by means of an Executive Order. The Council will consist of 24 most intelligent, young minds who will design solutions to some of America's most imperative issues where the best ideas would be brought to Washington D.C.

SECTION 2. The council can be defined as any civic-minded individual who is be appointed the leadership of Democratic and Republican parties and is under the age of 24 years old.

SECTION 3. The Department of Education shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

SECTION 4. This bill shall be implemented 2 years after its passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bensalem High School

A BILL TO AUTHORIZE ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS TO RUN AS A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall require a total of three academic tests with a minimum of 30 questions each in order to run in the election as a presidential candidate.

SECTION 2. Three academic tests are defined as a general standardized academic exam, an exam on the political history of the United States, and another exam on the political, law, and justice system of the United States.

SECTION 3. The Federal Election Commission and the Senate will be in charge of the implementation of this bill.

- A. The Senate will form the three academic tests, and have it approved by the House of Representatives.
- B. The Federal Election Commission will oversee the results of the tests to decide who is eligible for candidacy.

SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect at the start of the next presidential election season.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bensalem High School