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Preliminary Legislation

A Bill to Increase Access to Mental Health Services to Underprivileged Communities

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill seeks to augment accessibility to mental healthcare services within
3 the underprivileged communities across the United States through an
4 adjudication scheme that will intensify and help sustain mentally equipped
5 health centers located in these regions.

6 **SECTION 2.** For the objectives of this bill, underprivileged communities will be defined as
7 geographic regions beset by elevated rates of poverty or unemployment or
8 lacking in healthcare services accessibility.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will carry out this
10 legislation, which encompasses creating a grant initiative that aids mental
11 health institutions specifically geared towards marginalized communities in
12 fulfilling these requirements. Starting FY 2024, the HHS shall allocate \$120
13 billion to fund this bill. This will go towards mental health services for
14 underprivileged communities, the money would likely be distributed by the
15 Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) through a grant initiative.
16 A. Upon the distribution of aid intended for mental healthcare in localities,
17 several factors such as but not confined to geographical demand, ease of
18 entry towards current resources and facilities, and establishment
19 capability to administer excellent-tier therapy will be taken into
20 consideration.
21 B. The founding of an advisory committee comprised of mental health
22 specialists is crucial in HHS's implementation of policies. The role this
23 panel will play specifically involves giving counsel on the distribution of
24 grants and devising optimal frameworks for the operation and
25 management of psychiatric clinics located in indigent communities.

26 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1st, 2025. All laws in conflict with
27 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Restrict the Use of Artificial Intelligence technologies in Healthcare

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Artificial Intelligence and Large Language Models are hereby banned from
3 use in healthcare settings unless a human operator retains decision-making
4 control at every step of the process. Under no circumstances should the
5 aforementioned technologies be implemented without proper controls.

6 **SECTION 2.** “Artificial Intelligence” is defined as any technology which makes
7 autonomous decisions without human input. “Large Language Models” are
8 defined as any chatbot technology that can process natural language and
9 autonomously generate a response.

10 **SECTION 3.** Enforcement of this bill will be delegated to the Department of Health and
11 Human Services. Healthcare entities found to be in violation of this bill will be
12 fined no less than \$10,000 per violation.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately after passing. All laws in conflict
14 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Fund Haiti to Strengthen its Relationships with Other Caribbean Countries

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States government shall allocate \$1 Billion to support Haiti in
3 strengthening its relationships with other Caribbean countries, specifically
4 through the Caribbean Single Market and Economy (CSME).

5 **SECTION 2.** For the purpose of this bill, the following terms shall be defined:

6 A. Haiti: The Republic of Haiti, a Caribbean country located on the island of
7 Hispaniola.

8 B. CSME: A regional integration initiative aimed at promoting economic
9 cooperation and development among Caribbean countries.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State, in coordination with the Department of Treasury,
11 shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation. The specific enforcement
12 mechanism shall include:

13 A. Regular reporting requirements: The government of Haiti shall provide
14 regular reports on the progress made in building relationships with other
15 Caribbean countries, particularly in the context of the CSME.

16 B. Allocation of Funds: A portion of the allocated funds, up to \$200 million,
17 shall be earmarked for enhancing and strengthening the capacity of the
18 Haitian National Police and improving border control measures. These
19 funds will be utilized to ensure the safety and security of the country,
20 contributing to stable and constructive diplomatic relations with other
21 Caribbean countries.

22 C. Monitoring and evaluation: The Department of State shall establish a
23 monitoring and evaluation framework to assess the effectiveness of the
24 funds allocated and the progress achieved by Haiti in strengthening its
25 relationships with other Caribbean countries.

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

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A Bill to Set Sustainable Student Maximums for the Nation's Teachers

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All schools within the United States are directed to assign no more than 90
3 students to each teacher within a given school year, and to assign no more
4 than 25 students to a given class period.

5 **SECTION 2.** Any federally funded school or school district that violates this legislation
6 shall lose said funding until such time as compliance is reached.

7 **SECTION 3.** To support compliance with this legislation, Congress shall increase the
8 annual budget of the Department of Education by \$10 billion, with these
9 funds to be used to support schools in hiring additional teachers and building
10 additional classrooms as necessary.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Education.

12 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

13 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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The Climate Change Compromise Act of 2024

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall implement a carbon tax of \$50 per metric ton of
3 carbon emitted by companies.

4 **SECTION 2.** A carbon tax shall be defined as a tax levied on the emission of carbon
5 through the burning of fossil fuels. Companies shall be defined as legal
6 entities that emit greater than 10,000 metric tons of carbon annually.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy and Internal Revenue Service shall be in charge of
8 overseeing and implementing this legislation.

9 A. The Internal Revenue Service shall collect the tax accordingly and
10 increase the tax by \$10 per metric ton annually for companies who fail to
11 comply.

12 B. The tax revenue shall be allocated to the Department of Energy's budget
13 for the research and subsidization of renewable energy sources, as well
14 as the power grid upgrades for the use of renewable energy.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

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A Bill to Promote Digital Inclusion in Rural Communities

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill seeks to ensure equitable access to high-speed internet by giving
3 subsidies to companies for increasing infrastructure in rural communities.

4 **SECTION 2.** For the purpose of this bill, the following terms shall be defined:

5 A. "High-speed internet" refers to internet connections with sufficient
6 bandwidth and speed to support modern digital activities, including but
7 not limited to video conferencing, online education, and telemedicine.

8 B. "Rural and underserved areas" include regions with limited access to
9 high-speed internet, primarily characterized by low population density or
10 inadequate infrastructure.

11 C. "Subsidies" shall be defined as money provided to companies by the
12 government. Subsidies in this case would be given by the FCC and
13 regulated by them.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) shall oversee the
15 enforcement of this bill. The FCC is hereby authorized to:

16 A. Establish and maintain a comprehensive database of underserved areas.

17 B. Allocate and distribute funds in order to subsidize internet service
18 providers to expand high-speed internet infrastructure in rural
19 communities.

20 C. Monitor the progress and compliance of internet service providers.

21 D. Conduct periodic reviews to ensure the effectiveness of this legislation.

22 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect 90 days after its enactment into law, allowing
23 the FCC to make the necessary preparations for its enforcement.

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

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A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Immunize a Sitting President from Incarceration

1 **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
3 shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
4 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven
5 years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

6 **ARTICLE –**

7 **SECTION 1:** Any person duly elected to the Office of President while
8 imprisoned shall be released from prison immediately upon the
9 date of inauguration.

10 **SECTION 2:** Any portion of an elected President’s prison sentence remaining
11 at the time of inauguration shall be served out by that person
12 upon leaving office.

13 **SECTION 3:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
14 appropriate legislation.

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A Bill to Lower Prescription Drug Costs

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will enact a markup cap for all prescription drugs.

3 A. The United States will cap markup prices by companies at 7% for
4 prescription drugs.

5 B. Companies that refuse to follow the legislation will have a federal tax on
6 profits double the percentage of markup costs.

7 **SECTION 2.** For the purpose of this bill, the following terms shall be defined:

8 A. Prescription drugs will be defined as any drug that is obtained with a
9 prescription.

10 B. Markup caps will be defined as a method to prevent companies from
11 marking up manufactured products to gain more profit.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Food and Drug Administration along with the Internal Revenue Service
13 will be responsible for the implementation of this bill.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the start of FY 2026.

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

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A Resolution to Sanction Egypt

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Egypt has been violating human rights; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** Egypt uses vague morality charges to falsely prosecute members of the
- 3 LGBTQIA+ community, female social media influencers, and survivors of
- 4 sexual violence. Along with being accused of having over 60,000 political
- 5 prisoners; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** For years the people of Egypt have been subject to abuse, lacking basic
- 7 humanitarian rights. While the government is strategically hiding the truth;
- 8 and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Egypt still remains one of the United State’s allies in the region; now,
- 10 therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled supports sanctions on the Egyptian
- 12 government in the name of protecting human rights.

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A Bill to Make Narcan Free and Accessible

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Pharmacies throughout the United States and its territories are directed to
3 maintain a constant supply of naloxone (commonly known by the brand
4 name Narcan) and to provide it at no cost to customers, though they may
5 choose to limit the amount each customer can accept at a given time, if
6 needed, to manage supply.

7 **SECTION 2.** The cost of this medication shall be offset by a 1% tax increase on the
8 revenue of pharmaceutical manufacturers in the United States, which shall
9 be directed into the budget of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) that
10 they may finance this legislation. Any excess funds remaining from this
11 legislation at the end of each fiscal year shall be remitted to the Department
12 of Health & Human Services (DHHS) to support substance abuse treatment
13 programs.

14 **SECTION 3.** The FDA is directed to establish a convenient process by which pharmacies
15 may charge the costs of naloxone back to them. The FDA must ensure that
16 reimbursement is prompt and efficient.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the FDA, with the exception of Section 2,
18 which shall be overseen by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

19 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect one year from the date of passage.

20 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Revitalize Commercial Supersonic Flight

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** FAR Section 91.817, the 1973 ban on commercial supersonic flight over U.S.
3 territory, is hereby repealed. Commercial supersonic service may now
4 operate under the same policies and regulations that govern other
5 commercial air traffic.

6 **SECTION 2.** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) shall oversee this legislation.

7 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2024.

8 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Fund the Replacement of Intersections with Roundabouts

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall apportion an additional \$10 billion a year for each of the next
3 10 years to the Department of Transportation to support the replacement of
4 traffic intersections with roundabouts.

5 **SECTION 2.** A traffic intersection is defined as a place where two or more roads meet,
6 requiring at least one approaching lane of traffic to stop, by means of either
7 a stop sign or a traffic light. A roundabout is defined as a place where two or
8 more roads meet and are directed into a circular roadway to travel
9 counterclockwise around a center island without the use of traffic lights or
10 stop signs.

11 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Transportation,
12 which is additionally directed to establish a fair and speedy process by which
13 sub-federal agencies may apply for and be granted these funds.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect at the start of the next fiscal year.

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

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A Resolution to Encourage Japan and South Korea to Relax Their Immigration Policies

1 **WHEREAS,** Japan and South Korea (officially, the Republic of Korea) have two of the
2 lowest birth rates in the world; and

3 **WHEREAS,** These nations' uncommonly strict immigration policies, coupled with their
4 low birth rates, are setting them up for existential levels of population and
5 economic collapse in the decades to come; and

6 **WHEREAS,** The high standard of living enjoyed in these two countries would be a great
7 boon to the world's immense population of would-be immigrants and
8 refugees; now, therefore be it

9 **RESOLVED,** by the Congress here assembled that Japan and the Republic of Korea are
10 strongly encouraged to relax their immigration policies and even to establish
11 incentives to welcome large populations of immigrants to resettle within
12 their borders; and be it

13 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** that, should these nations follow this recommendation, Congress
14 will consider further measures to assist immigrants in reaching them and to
15 aid these nations in adjusting to this new state of affairs.

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