

A Resolution to Restore Stability in Mali

- 1 Whereas, In August 2020, protests led by the June 5th movement led to a military
2 coup in Mali, and
- 3 Whereas, The international community has condemned the military government and
4 urged for a peaceful transition back to a civilian-led, democratic
5 government; and
- 6 Whereas, The United States has retracted military assistance to and cooperation with
7 Mali to further pressure the military government; and
- 8 Whereas, US military assistance to Mali totaled \$145 million in 2017 and has been
9 critical to training troops for counterterrorism operations; and
- 10 Whereas, Islamic extremists have taken advantage of growing political instability in
11 Mali and are attempting to gain a stronghold in the region; now, therefore,
12 be it
- 13 Resolved, By the Congress here assembled that the United States shall reinstate US
14 military assistance and cooperation with the Malian military to thwart
15 rising extremism; and, be it further
- 16 Resolved, That the US shall work in conjunction with African Union Election
17 Observation Missions {AUEOM) to ensure fair, democratic elections are
18 held.

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A Resolution to Use Ranked Choice Voting for National Elections

- 1 Whereas, the current system of “first past the post” voting entrenches the
2 dominance of the two-party system in American politics by forcing people
3 with a wide variety of values, beliefs, and experiences to choose a
4 Democrat or Republican for fear of not wasting their vote; and
- 5 Whereas, the founders of our country and most legal scholars today acknowledge
6 the harms of a two-party system; and
- 7 Whereas, ranked-choice voting allows voters to rank candidates in their order of
8 preference; if a vote’s top pick receives the fewest votes and no other
9 candidate earns over 50% of the vote, their vote transfers to their second
10 choice; and
- 11 Whereas, in other countries where ranked-choice voting is used, there are a
12 significant number of parties representing the interests of specific groups
13 of people outside of the scope of the main parties; and
- 14 Whereas, this system has been successfully used in congressional, state, and
15 municipal elections in America; now, therefore, be it
- 16 Resolved, By the Congress here assembled that the American congressional and
17 presidential elections should use ranked choice voting rather than the
18 current “first past the post” method.

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A Resolution to Eliminate Governmental Subsidies for the Fossil Fuel Industry

- 1 Whereas, The United States is one of the largest contributors to climate change
2 globally due to massive subsidies for its fossil fuel sector; and
- 3 Whereas, Subsidies result in lower prices for fossil fuels such as oil, coal, and gas –
4 this makes renewables appear vastly more expensive in the market; and
- 5 Whereas, A transition to 100% renewable energy is crucial to mitigating the effects
6 of rising global temperatures; and
- 7 Whereas, Studies have found that carbon emissions decline by 18% through the
8 elimination of subsidies; and
- 9 Whereas, The European Union has implemented a policy of phasing-out fossil fuel
10 subsidies and has seen relative success in shifting to renewable energy;
11 and
- 12 Whereas, Ending subsidization leaves an additional \$20 billion in public funds
13 available for investment into renewable energy; now, therefore, be it
- 14 Resolved, By the Congress here assembled that the United States should eliminate
15 governmental subsidies for the fossil fuel sector to initiate a shift towards
16 renewable energy.

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