

A Resolution to Discourage the Erasure of Graffiti Art by Municipal Governments to Allow for More Free Expression Among Citizens

1 **WHEREAS,** Graffiti is being discouraged and removed by municipal
2 governments; and

3 **WHEREAS,** many large cities including but not limited to Austin, Seattle,
4 New York City, New Orleans, and Chicago have spent millions of dollars on
5 programs to remove this art; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Graffiti is used primarily as a means of creative and political
7 expression by people who otherwise wouldn't be able to express their
8 ideas; and

9 **WHEREAS,** The millions of dollars of the budgets that currently get
10 spent on removing graffiti would be better spent in other areas of the
11 budget; now, therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled discourages municipal governments
13 from starting, creating, or funding programs that have the primary goal of removing
14 graffiti from cities.

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