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# A Resolution to Terminate Illegal Labor in China (T.I.L.C)

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   China's uses of forced and illegal labor systems in their supply chains has  
2                   resulted in the undermining of international laws and labor standards; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**   The usage of illegal and forced labor systems within their supply chains has  
4                   led to poor working conditions, human rights violations, and improper  
5                   oversight leading to poor quality of material produced; and
- 6   **WHEREAS,**   The Ministry of Public Security in China has not addressed this exploitation  
7                   to its fullest, allowing leniency condoning these acts, which negatively  
8                   impacts the economies who receive these imports; and
- 9   **WHEREAS,**   Addressing illegal and forced labor in Chinese labor systems is crucial to  
10                  promoting ethical labor standards to ensure economic fairness; now,  
11                  therefore it be
- 12   **RESOLVED,**   That the Congress here assembled shall hereby impose economic sanctions  
13                   (specifically, trade restrictions and financial penalties) on all Chinese  
14                   import systems until illegal labor (work without pay) is determined  
15                   terminated; and it be
- 16   **FURTHER RESOLVED,** Illegal labor will be tracked and monitored through Non-  
17                   Governmental Organizations (NGOs) based in China; and it be
- 18   **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That these sanctions will be reviewed annually, with the possibility  
19                   of adjustment or removal based on verifiable improvements in labor  
20                   practices within China.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts.*

# **A Bill to Repeal the Five-Year Waiting Period on Federal Means-Tested Public Benefits for Immigrants**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1     **SECTION 1.** The federal government shall eliminate the five-year waiting period for  
2                   eligible immigrants to receive federal means-tested public benefits  
3                   (FMTPBs)

4     **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation, eligible immigrants shall be defined as:  
5                   A. Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs) who hold a Permanent Resident  
6                   Card ("Green Card")

8     **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Department  
9                   of Homeland Security (DHS) shall jointly administer and enforce eligibility  
10                  procedures for FMTPBs under this Act. A total of \$1 billion shall be  
11                  allocated to fund the implementation of this legislation.

12    **SECTION 4.** All federal provisions that currently permit states to impose additional  
13                  waiting periods, restrictions, or the "40-quarters" (10-year work history)  
14                  requirement for FMTPB eligibility shall be repealed.

15    **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect beginning on January 1, 2028  
16                  all laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by American Heritage School, Palm Beach Campus.*

## THE FCA (The Farm Conservation Act)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The amount of undeveloped land is very limited; therefore, adding stability to established farmland is vital to protect it from large developers, to avoid food insecurity. This bill will provide safety and protection for working farmlands through each state's Farm Bureau, ensuring that natural grounds stay natural. Any farm entity that makes \$30,000 or more in gross annual sales will be eligible for a new mandatory federal Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) designed to provide significant financial and resource benefits. This program provides protection to farmers who do not wish to sell their land to developers or other potential threats. Anyone seeking to purchase the land must first obtain approval from the ACP.

SECTION 2. Let these definitions be used:

- a. Governmental Preservation: Significant financial and resource benefits: enhanced crop insurance subsidies, reduced agricultural tax rates, priority access to USDA grants, and more, as needed.
- b. Natural Lands: Farmland that is used for agricultural purposes, such as Grassland pasture and range, Vineyards, Ranches, and Crop Production lands.

SECTION 3. 500 million dollars will be dispersed to each state Bureau for this enactment. The State Farm Bureau, under the American Farm Bureau Federation, would be the entity that holds and enforces the permanent ACP on enrolled farms. This ensures local control, as they define the specific "protected land" parameters, permitted agricultural practices, and enforcement methods that align with their state's agricultural needs and laws, within the federal guidelines.

SECTION 4. This bill will take effect starting in fiscal year 2027.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Clark Advanced Learning Center*

## **The R.A.C. (Refugee Admissions Cap) Act**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall reinstate a cap of 110,000 refugees which the  
3 United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) may admit  
4 annually.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. The refugee admissions cap is defined as the limit placed on how  
6 many people may be granted asylum as refugees in the United States,  
7 determined by the executive branch.

8 B. \$5 billion shall be reallocated annually from US Immigration  
9 and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to USCIS for the purposes of  
10 processing the current asylum backlog.

11 C. \$5 billion shall be reallocated annually from US Customs and Border  
12 Protection (CBP) to the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) for the  
13 purposes of enhanced refugee resettlement.

14 **SECTION 3.** The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), in  
15 conjunction with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will  
16 oversee this legislation.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws in  
18 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by FAU High School.*

## **A Bill to Legalize Private Sale of Human Organs**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1: Sale of human organs by their owner to consumers will now be legal

4 SECTION 2: Human Organs is defined as, “a group of tissues in a living organism that  
5 have been adapted to perform a specific function.”

6 SECTION 3: Any 25 year old human may elect to sell their organs to a willing  
7 purchaser as long as it meets the following requirements:

8 The organ cannot be one whose absence causes direct death

9 1) All sales must be overseen and approved by a new executive agency  
10 with screenings for any physical, mental, or genetic conditions that may  
11 alter the quality of organs or create a lack of complete consent

12 Each US State will receive categorial grants of 5 million dollars per year  
13 to establish satellite outposts in their state to process requests

14 The Congress will appropriate 150 million dollars for the creation of  
15 “The US Department of Organ Sales.”

16 The penalty for unregistered sale of organs will be classified as a human  
17 trafficking crime, with a mandatory minimum prison sentence of 20 years

18 SECTION 4: The US Department of Organ Sales will oversee the enforcement of this  
19 legislation. This legislation will go into effect January 20<sup>th</sup> 2026

20 SECTION 5: All other laws in conflict with this new policy shall be null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by John I Leonard High School.*

# **A Bill to Rehabilitate the Public Criminal Defense System**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Public defenders shall no longer be allowed to work contemporaneously  
3 on more than 30 felony cases, or no more than 65 misdemeanor cases.

4 **SECTION 2.** In the event that a public defender is taking a hybrid of felony and  
5 misdemeanor cases contemporaneously, the public defender shall be  
6 limited to 45 cases in total, while taking on less than 20 felony cases.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice (DOJ) shall oversee the implementation and  
8 enforcement of this bill.

9 A. The DOJ shall create a committee that will oversee the allocation of  
10 funds to states to aid with the hiring of more public defenders, and  
11 retention of public defenders.

12 a. 2 billion dollars shall be allotted to this committee for the sake  
13 of hiring more public defenders.

14 b. 1 billion dollars shall be allocated to this committee for the  
15 sake of retaining public defenders, through increased wages.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY27. All laws in conflict with this  
17 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Olympic Heights High School.*



# **A Bill to Create a Nationwide DNA Database to Identify Criminals and Other Persons of Interest**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** A nationwide DNA Identification Database shall be created and overseen by the  
2 Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Department of Defense (DOD)

3 **SECTION 2.** The enrollment of civilians into the DNA Database will be consensual.

- 4 A. Newborn children can be admitted at birth through parental written consent.  
5 B. Any person may voluntarily enter their DNA profile into the database at any  
6 time through written consent.  
7 C. Enrollment into the database shall be required for all individuals enlisting in  
8 the Armed Forces of the United States of America.  
9 D. State and local governments may submit lawfully obtained DNA samples to  
10 the FBI for identification purposes and investigative purposes only.

11 **SECTION 3.** Tax cuts shall be provided to those who are admitted to the DNA database, provided  
12 through the Department of Defense's budget.

- 13 A. A tax exemption of \$500 shall be granted to any one parent who admits their  
14 children, either at birth or before the age of 18.  
15 B. After a first child is admitted to the database, each additional child shall be  
16 provided an additional \$250 tax exemption, regardless of which parent admits  
17 them.  
18 C. A tax exemption of \$500 shall be granted to any legal adult who admits  
19 themselves to the DNA database after the age of 18.  
20 D. Tax exemption(s) to a person shall apply for one fiscal year following the  
21 admission of a person or their children.

22 **SECTION 4.** For the purposes of this legislation:

- 23 A. "DNA Profile" shall be defined as the unique, non-coding genetic markers  
24 used solely for the identification of an individual.  
25 B. "Lawfully obtained sample" shall be defined as any DNA sample collected  
26 either with consent, through lawful arrest procedures, or under court order.  
27 C. "Enrollment" shall mean the submission of a DNA sample for the purposes of  
28 creating and storing a DNA profile in the national database.

29 **SECTION 5.** The Department of Defense shall coordinate with the FBI to require DNA enrollment  
30 for military service members and establish procedures for potential removal following  
31 separation from service upon request, except where retention is required by ongoing  
32 investigation, indictment, or conviction.

- 33 A. All new immigrants entering the United States will be required to enroll in the  
34 database as a component of the immigration process.

35 **SECTION 6.** A. This legislation shall be enforced by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the  
36 Department of Defense.

- 37 B. This legislation will take effect on FY 2027. All laws in conflict with this  
38 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Palm Beach Central High School.*

## **A Bill to ABOLISH THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   The United States shall abolish the Electoral College and instead elect the  
2                               President and Vice President by a direct national popular vote, where the candidate  
3                               with the most votes nationwide wins..
- 4   **SECTION 2.**   Direct national popular vote means every individual vote in the country counts  
5                               equally toward a single national total.
- 6   **SECTION 3.**   This plan will go into effect on January 1, 2032, giving the federal government and  
7                               the states enough time to adjust their election systems before the 2032 presidential  
8                               race.
- 9   **SECTION 4.**   The Federal Election Commission (FEC) will be responsible for enforcing and  
10                              carrying out this law. The FEC will work with each state to organize a unified  
11                              method for counting and reporting votes. The FEC will create a nationwide results  
12                              system so totals can be collected and certified in a consistent way. The Department  
13                              of Justice (DOJ) will help ensure states follow federal voting rules and protect  
14                              voter access.
- 15   **SECTION 5.**   All laws that go against this bill will be canceled and replaced with this new policy.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Palm Beach Gardens High School.*

# The Haitian Recovery Act (HR Act)

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 restoring stability, strengthening its national police force, and addressing  
4 urgent humanitarian needs.

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

6 a) Haitian National Police (HNP): The primary law enforcement agency of  
7 Haiti.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State, in coordination with the Department of Defense  
9 and the Department of Treasury, shall oversee the enforcement of this  
10 legislation. The specific enforcement mechanisms shall include:

11 a) Allocation of Funds: i. \$500 million shall be earmarked for enhancing  
12 and strengthening the capacity of the Haitian National Police, including  
13 training, equipment, and infrastructure. ii. \$300 million shall be allocated  
14 for urgent humanitarian aid, including food, medical supplies, and clean  
15 water. iii. \$200 million shall be reserved for future governance support  
16 and economic development initiatives.

17 b) Deployment of U.S. Troops: A limited contingent of U.S. troops, not  
18 exceeding 1,000 personnel, shall be deployed to Haiti to assist in training  
19 the HNP and providing logistical support for aid distribution.

20 c) Monitoring and evaluation: The Department of State shall establish a  
21 monitoring and evaluation framework to assess the effectiveness of the  
22 funds allocated and the progress achieved in stabilizing Haiti.

23 d) Reporting requirements: The Department of State shall provide  
24 quarterly reports to Congress on the implementation of this bill and the  
25 situation in Haiti, which they will get from the HNP.

26 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Suncoast Community High School.*

## **A Bill to Establish a Federal Compost System in the United States to Eliminate Food Waste**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1    **SECTION 1.**        The United States shall establish a federal compost system to eliminate food  
2                               waste by incentivizing U.S. citizens and companies to participate through  
3                               monetary rewards.
- 4    **SECTION 2.**
- 5                               A.    "Compost System" is to be defined as a system of excess food being    collected,  
6                               shipped to compost sites, broken down by microorganisms and used to enrich soil  
7                               and promote plant growth.
- 8                               B.    "U.S. Food Corporation" is defined as any U.S. based company that has any role in  
9                               the production, distribution, or sales of food products
- 10   **SECTION 3.**        Federal compost facilities, vehicles, personnel, and all other processes of compost will  
11                               receive 900 million dollars of funding to implement this legislation.
- 12   **SECTION 4.**        The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA),  
13                               and the Internal Revenue System (IRS) will oversee the implementation of this bill.
- 14                               A.    Households that compost a total of 150 pounds within a six-month time span will  
15                               receive a tax break from the U.S. Government
- 16                               B.    For each additional pound over the 150 pound mark, households will receive 20 cents  
17                               per pound in addition to a tax break from the U.S. Government
- 18                               C.    U.S. Food Corporation will be granted 5 cents per pound of food that they compost  
19                               every six months
- 20                               D.    To determine the amount of food waste composted by each household, government  
21                               collection vehicles will be equipped with scanners attached to the mechanical arms  
22                               used to lift and empty compost bins. Each bin will have a unique barcode linked to its  
23                               respective household, allowing for accurate tracking of compost weight. All compost  
24                               will then be delivered to U.S. compost corporations for compost
- 25                               E.    For each U.S. Food Corporation, government collection vehicles will follow the same  
26                               procedure for households in order to collect, measure, and deliver compost.
- 27   **SECTION 5.**        Any and all malpractice in relation to using the compost system will receive a fine in  
28                               relation to the act. Any company that is found guilty of malpractice in relation to inflating  
29                               their compost weight, will receive a fine of \$40 per pound inflated, with any household  
30                               committing the same violation being fined \$8 per pound inflated. Any and all other  
31                               possible situations of malpractice with be prosecuted individually.
- 32   **SECTION 6.**        This legislation will take effect by Fiscal Year 2030
- 33   **SECTION 7.**        All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by The Greene School.*

# **A Bill to Ban Compensated Lobbying in The United States Congress**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1   **SECTION 1.** No person or entity may pay, offer, or give any compensation or  
2                   thing of value to a Member of Congress, congressional staff, the  
3                   President, Vice President, or any federal executive branch official in  
4                   exchange for, or with the intent to influence official actions,  
5                   legislation, nominations, regulations, or policy.

6   **SECTION 2.** “Compensated lobbying” is defined as any direct or indirect  
7                   communication made on behalf of another person or entity in  
8                   exchange for money or anything of value.

9   **SECTION 3.** Any Member of Congress or covered federal official who accepts  
10                  compensation prohibited under this Act shall immediately forfeit  
11                  their office or position and pay a minimum civil fine of \$200,000.

12 **SECTION 4.** Penalties for violation:

- 13               A. Civil fine minimum of \$200,000 per violation
- 14               B. Up to 5 years imprisonment for willful violations
- 15               C. Permanent disqualification from holding any federal or state
- 16                       government position or employment
- 17               D. All current lobbyist registrations are revoked 180 days after passage.

18 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect 180 days after passage. All laws in  
19                   conflict with this legislation, are hereby declared null and void.  
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*Introduced for Congressional Debate by The Pine School.*

## **The Federal Assault Weapons Ban of 2026**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. The “sunset clause” of the 1994 Assault Weapons Ban will be eliminated,  
3 and Section 921(a) of Title 18, USC, will be amended to ban the sale,  
4 transfer, manufacturing, and importation of assault weapons.

5 SECTION 2. A. “Assault weapon” means any automatic/semiautomatic rifle, pistol,  
6 or shotgun that has the capacity to accept a detachable magazine  
7 and includes two or more of the following features: (i) A pistol  
8 grip or thumbhole stock; (ii) A folding, telescoping, or detachable  
9 stock; (iii) A flash suppressor; (iv) A grenade or flare launcher; or  
10 (v) A barrel shroud that encircles the barrel.

11 B. This Act shall not apply to firearms used by the United States  
12 Armed Forces, federal or state law enforcement agencies, or  
13 contractors acting under government authorization.

14 SECTION 3. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) will enforce this  
15 legislation, coordinating with the Attorney General and Department of  
16 Justice.

17 A. Owners of grandfathered assault weapons shall register such  
18 weapons with the ATF within one year of enactment. Transfers of  
19 grandfathered weapons shall require a federal background check  
20 through the National Instant Criminal Background Check System.

21 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with  
22 this legislation, are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Wellington Community High School*

# A Bill to Protect American Privacy

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   The Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act will be restored to its original  
2                               1978 version.
- 3   **SECTION 2.**   The Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, or FISA, is the legal blueprint for  
4                               an ethical conduct of intelligence gathering on domestic soil; “original  
5                               1978 version” is to be interpreted as a reversion to the exact rendition of  
6                               FISA drafted by Ted Kennedy and ratified by Jimmy Carter.
- 7   **SECTION 3.**   The Department of Justice shall oversee the implementation of this  
8                               legislation.
- 9   **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2026. All laws in conflict with  
10                              this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by West Boca Raton Community High School.*