

A Bill to Establish Statehood for the District of Columbia

1. SECTION ONE --Effective Immediately, the State of the Douglass Commonwealth is
2. established as the capital of the United States
3. SECTION TWO --The name “Douglass Commonwealth” in honor of Frederick
4. Douglass, shall be the capital’s official name, with everyday usage
5. remaining “Washington, D.C.”
6. SECTION THREE --The constitutional criteria for the number of representatives, and
7. the presence of two senators, shall be the congressional
8. representation of Douglass Commonwealth
9. SECTION FOUR --At the state level, Douglass Commonwealth shall be served by a
10. Governor and a state legislature consisting of a State Senate and
11. House of Representatives.
12. SECTION FIVE --Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by
13. appropriate legislation

Respectfully Submitted by Senator Iyanna McGhee, Saint Dominic Academy

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** An additional excise tax of 5% shall be levied on the import of fast fashion
2 commodities to the United States.

3 **SECTION 2.** Fast fashion shall be defined as any apparel or accessories made
4 inexpensive by mass production retailers using exploitative labor practices.
5 Exploitative labor practices include but are not limited to underpayment,
6 inhumane working spaces, and child labor.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS), in coordination with the Department of
8 Labor (DOL), will oversee enforcement of this legislation by collecting tax as
9 well as identify the corporations that qualify as fast fashion.

10 A. The money collected by this tax shall be used to fund more waste
11 collection and upgrade recycling systems.

12 B. The IRS shall publish an annually updated list of corporations subject to
13 this tax, based on compliance data and labor practices audits.

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

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

The Liberation for All in Neighborhood Domiciles Act

(L.A.N.D. Act)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Homeowners Association groups will no longer be permitted to limit demonstrations of free speech

SECTION 2. A. “Homeowners Association groups” refers to organizations that manage a planned unit development (such as a suburban housing complex) or a condominium project.

B. “Free speech” refers to any example of free speech upheld by Supreme Court precedent. This includes but is not limited to the following: display of flags, projection of lights onto one’s property, seasonal decorations.

C. “Limitations” refers to the contractual hindering of one’s ability to perform an action protected by free speech via fines or expulsion.

SECTION 3. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development shall oversee the enforcement of this policy.

A. HOA organizations in violation failing to comply with the above provisions shall be subject to fines of \$50,000 for the first infraction, doubling for each subsequent infraction

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ryan Davidson of Randolph High School

A Resolution to Help Implement a Two State Solution for the Conflict between Israel and Palestine

1 **WHEREAS,** The humanitarian crisis in Palestine is one of the worst in
2 the world with high levels of poverty, hunger, disease and violence in Gaza
3 and the West Bank

4 **WHEREAS,** According to the UN, there is a severe food crisis in Gaza
5 where over 1.8 million people experiencing severe hunger in 2024

6 **WHEREAS,** If this humanitarian crisis persists, the Palestinians will
7 continue to suffer under these conditions and tensions between Israel and
8 Hamas will continue to rise

9 **WHEREAS,** The situation in Gaza and the West Bank has been the worst
10 it's ever been therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled shall consult with the UN
12 and other countries to withdraw economic military aid from Israel if they
13 do not uphold the ceasefire established on January 1st, 2026

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A Bill to Standardize Post-Secondary Athletic Scholarships

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All post-secondary athletic scholarships will be subjected to a
2 comprehensive standardization process that all post-secondary institutions
3 must follow.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** “Comprehensive standardization process” shall be defined as a calculation
5 system that distributes scholarship amounts based on athletic ranking and
6 household income. All universities will be held to the same metric
7 regardless of endowment. Academic ability will not be considered in the
8 standardization process, but may be considered by universities for initial
9 admission purposes.
- 10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will be responsible for overseeing this
11 legislation and developing the standardization parameters.
- 12 A. Post-secondary institutions found in violation of this law will be
13 subjected to a fine of \$10,000 per infraction.
- 14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with
15 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Zoey Qin from Ridge High School.

A Bill to Guarantee Paid Parental Leave

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** If passed, this bill will ensure employees, regardless of sex,
2 receive at least 12 weeks of family leave of absence following the birth of
3 their child. This is to be paid out by their respective employer. During this
4 paid time off employees must pay at least 70% of the employee base
5 salary.

6 **SECTION 2.** Employee-A person employed for a wage or salary
7 Family Leave of Absence -A period of time where employees
8 can retain employment and partial compensation while taking time to care
9 for or acquiesce to a new child under their direct care.

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11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor would be responsible to
12 administer and enforce this Act.

13 A. Those who are self employed or unemployed untraditionally via the gig
14 economy would be guaranteed these benefits

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

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A Bill to Stop Hostile Infrastructure from Discouraging the Use of Public Spaces

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will enact a ban on
3 any form of Hostile Architecture in American infrastructure planning.

4 **SECTION 2.** Hostile architecture/ infrastructure shall be defined as any
5 architectural design meant to restrict the use of public spaces and
6 infrastructure in a manner that discourages public use and recreation in
7 these areas. E.g, anti-bird nesting needles, skate strips, anti-homeless
8 spikes, and bench bars.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development shall
10 oversee the enforcement of this legislation. This bill will also enable
11 citizens to file lawsuits against their city for hostile architecture.

12 A. The Department of Housing and Urban Development shall review
13 hostile infrastructure in urban areas on a case-by-case basis.

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

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Millburn High School.