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### **A Bill to Mandate Universal Background Checks for Firearm Transfers**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. All firearm sales and transfers in the United States shall be subject to a mandatory federal background check, regardless of location, seller type, or method of transfer.

3 SECTION 2. "Firearm transfer" shall include any sale, gift, loan, trade, or other transaction of a firearm between individuals or entities, including private sales and gun show transactions.

4 SECTION 3. The Federal Bureau of Investigation shall expand the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) to cover all private firearm transfers and ensure real-time verification of legitimacy.

5 A. Any person who knowingly sells or transfers a firearm without conducting a background check through NICS shall be subject to a civil fine of up to \$10,000 and/or criminal penalties including imprisonment for up to 5 years.

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

## **A Bill to Establish a National Student Loan Forgiveness Lottery**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. The Department of Education shall implement and manage an annual National Student Loan Forgiveness Lottery to reduce the individual and societal burden of federal student loan debt.

3 SECTION 2. Each fiscal year, 50,000 eligible individuals shall be randomly selected to receive forgiveness of up to \$50,000 in outstanding federal student loan debt.

4 To qualify, individuals must be U.S. Citizens or Legal Residents, must have made consistent loan payments for at least three consecutive years, and must earn less than \$100,000 annually.

5 SECTION 3. This program shall be fully funded by a 0.5% federal excise tax imposed on corporate stock buybacks conducted by publicly traded companies.

6 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2026. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

## **A Resolution to Recognize Taiwan as an Independent Nation to Affirm Democratic Principles and Regional Stability**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. The United States shall formally recognize the Republic of Taiwan as an independent and sovereign nation and establish full diplomatic relations.

3 SECTION 2. “Republic of Taiwan” refers to the self-governed island currently known as the Republic of China (Taiwan), which maintains its own democratic government, military, and economy independent of the People’s Republic of China.

4 SECTION 3. The U.S. Department of State shall update foreign policy and open an official embassy in Taipei, Taiwan.

5 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect immediately following passage. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

## **A Resolution to Abolish the Electoral College to Ensure Equal Representation in Presidential Elections**

1 WHEREAS, The Electoral College system allows for the possibility of a candidate winning the presidency without securing a majority of the national popular vote; and

2 WHEREAS, This undermines the foundational democratic principle of “one person, one vote,” and creates disproportionate influence for smaller states and swing states; and

3 WHEREAS, Voter turnout and public trust in the electoral process are negatively affected when citizens feel their votes carry unequal weight depending on their state of residence; and

4 WHEREAS, A national popular vote would promote electoral fairness, enhance civic engagement, and better reflect the will of the American people; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled amend the Constitution to abolish the Electoral College and replace it with a direct national popular vote for President of the United States.

## **A Resolution to Increase Sanctions on the Russian Federation to Deter Ongoing Violations of International Law**

1 WHEREAS, The Russian Federation continues its military aggression against Ukraine and undermines the sovereignty of neighboring nations; and

2 WHEREAS, Existing economic sanctions have not been sufficient to halt Russia's destabilizing behavior; and

3 WHEREAS, Continued aggression by Russia poses a threat to International stability, societal values, and global peace; and

4 WHEREAS, The United States has both a moral and strategic obligation to lead in the defense of international law and the sovereignty of free nations; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled impose additional economic sanctions on the Russian Federation, specifically targeting energy exports, financial institutions, and dual-use technologies.

## **A Resolution to Regulate Artificial Intelligence-Generated Deepfakes to Protect Public Trust and National Security**

1 WHEREAS, The rapid development of artificial intelligence technologies has enabled the creation of hyper-realistic deepfake videos and audio; and

2 WHEREAS, These deepfakes can be used to impersonate public officials, manipulate public opinion, disrupt elections, and disperse disinformation at large; and

3 WHEREAS, The spread of deepfakes poses significant threats to national security, democratic institutions, and the integrity of journalism and media; and

4 WHEREAS, Existing laws do not sufficiently address the malicious creation or distribution of deceptive AI-generated content; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled calls for the creation of federal legislation to classify malicious deepfake creation and distribution as a form of digital fraud subject to civil and criminal penalties.