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A Resolution to Increase Support for the Research and Development of Artificial Intelligence

1 WHEREAS Artificial intelligence is defined as “the theory and development of computer
2 systems able to perform tasks that normally require human intelligence, such as visual
3 perception, speech recognition, decision-making, and translation between languages”;
4 WHEREAS The US federal administration lacks a policy platform on its plans for the
5 development of Artificial Intelligence;
6 RESOLVED That this Congress here assembled shall establish a committee, overseen by the
7 Office of Science and Technology Policy, to counsel the Presidential Administration on
8 Artificial Intelligence, including its uses and implications in the fields of law, healthcare,
9 education, defense, and green energy;
10 FURTHER RESOLVED That the committee shall include a representative from each of the
11 following governmental departments: the Department of Commerce; the Department of
12 Education; the Department of Transportation; the Department of Energy; the National Institute of
13 Justice; the Department of Health and Human Services; and the Department of Defense.
14 Furthermore, the committee shall comprise individuals specialized in the field of Artificial
15 Intelligence from companies and educational institutions, as well as representatives of civil
16 liberty and labor organizations;
17 FURTHER RESOLVED That this Congress shall increase the National Science Foundation’s
18 budget for intelligent systems research by 10% to an annual \$193 million.

Respectfully submitted,
Konnie Lin, Cranbrook Kingswood



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The Return- Free Tax Filing Act

1. Be it enacted by the congress here assembled that:
2. Section 1. The United States shall adopt a Return- Free Tax Filing system,
3. specifically the Tax Agency Reconciliation system.
4. Section 2: The tax code shall be adjusted by making the unit of taxation the
5. individual rather than the family.
6. Section 3: The people shall vote whether return-free tax filing shall stay in
7. effect one year after it has been put into place.
8. Section 4: This bill shall be put into effect on April 18, 2017.
9. Section 5: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
10. void.

Respectfully Submitted by
Elliot Portice
Dexter High School



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The Federal Education Funding Act

Be it enacted by the congress here assembled that:

1. Section 1: The United States shall link education spending with military spending
2. with a factor of 20% -50%.
3. Section 2: Currently state and local governments end up paying for the bulk of
4. education spending, but when you compare the amount of federal money spent on the
5. military as opposed to the federal amount spent on education, it pales in comparison.
6. Section 3: By spending more money at the federal level, we could mitigate things like
7. under-funded schools, underpaid teachers and old infrastructure.
8. Investing in early childhood learning has many benefits later in life.
9. It increases the chances that students, especially low income students, will graduate from high
10. school.
11. It also increases the chances that students will grow into adults who make almost 8% more income,
12. and have a substantially reduced risk of adult students falling into poverty.
13. Section 4: This bill shall be put into effect on January 1, 2018.
14. Section 5: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted by
Theodore Beleccui
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Death With Dignity Act of 2019

Be It Enacted by This Congress Here Assembled That:

1. Section 1. The United States of America will allow all people with terminal illnesses to
2. have the option to die under physician assistance as long as the patient has documented
3. permission from two medical professionals, from different medical institutions within the
4. specialty of the terminal illness. The death process will be prosecuted through voluntary
5. self-administration of lethal drug prescribed by a physician for that purpose. A doctor
6. must be present at the time of self administration.
7. Section 2. Terminal illness will be described as an incurable disease that cannot be
8. adequately treated and is reasonably expected to result in the death of the patient. Using
9. this definition the prognosis must be determined terminal by each physician. The patient
10. must administer the medication to themselves.
11. Section 3. The U.S Department of Health and Human Services will create a document for
12. the patient to complete with both the physician's agreement that the patient meets the
13. criteria and the patient's written desire to end their life. Insurance companies will cover
14. all expenses of the lethal medication. If not enacted the state will be charged a fine of
15. 1,000,000 dollars.
16. Section 4. This will be enacted by January 1st, 2019.
17. Section 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby null and void.

Respectfully submitted by Wayland Union High School



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A Bill to Amend the Constitution and Repeal the Second Amendment

1. RESOLVED, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is
2. proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which
3. shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
4. ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven
5. years from the date of its submission by the Congress:
6. ARTICLE --
7. Section 1: The U.S. Constitution states "A well regulated Militia, being
8. necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people
9. to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."
10. Section 2: The portion that states "The right of the people to keep and
11. bear Arms, shall not be infringed" will be removed.
12. Section 3: The following groups are exempt from the change are as
13. follows; the military, police officers and other law enforcement
14. Officers.
15. Section 4: Any people exempt will be thoroughly background checked
16. before they can be in possession of a weapon.
17. Section 5: Bill will begin effect of immediately after passing

Respectfully Submitted,
Senator Colson
Holt High School



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A Bill to Encourage the United States to remain in NAFTA

Be it enacted by this congress here assembled that:

1 Section 1: The United States shall remain in the NAFTA alliance order to maintain trade
2 relationships with Canada and Mexico.

3 Section 2: NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) is an agreement between Mexico,
4 Canada, and the United States that serves to promote free trade and healthy economic growth.

5 Section 3: This bill shall be enforced by the president of the United States, and should he/she be
6 unwilling to do so, can be enforced by Congress instead.

7 Section 4: This bill shall be effective immediately.

8 Section 5: All laws and declarations in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
9 void.

Respectfully submitted by Divine Child High School



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A Bill to Prohibit the Banning of Books in High Schools

1. Be it enacted by the Congress here assembled that:
2. SECTION I: The banning of any book that has educational value within public high
3. schools in the State of Michigan shall hereby be prohibited. Educational value shall
4. be defined as any text that provides students with historical information, stimulates their
5. imagination, expands their understanding of the world, helps them develop language and
6. listening skills, and prepares them to understand the written word.
7. SECTION II: The banning of books is an abridgement of citizens freedom of speech,
8. expression, and thought which is protected under the first amendment.
9. SECTION III: Any book banned on the premise of sexually explicit content shall remain
10. banned. Books may not be banned on the premise of explicit or offensive language alone.
11. SECTION IV: Violations of this bill shall be regulated by the Michigan Department of
12. Education. If any teacher, school, or district is found to be in violation of this law, the
13. school district will be subject to a financial penalty of a 1% reduction in State, per-pupil
14. funding for the next fiscal year. Recurring noncompliance may subject the district to
15. increased action by the State, including, but not limited to, escalating financial penalties.
16. SECTION V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alyssa LaFeir
Henry Ford II High School



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A Resolution to Reestablish American Isolationism

Be it Enacted by the Congress Here Assembled That

1. WHEREAS, It would be in America's best interests to incentivize a
2. major change in America's foreign policy, regarding military action. In
3. the case that a nation is not an ally to the United States, the United
4. States government would not initiate offensive combat alongside it; and
5. WHEREAS, In the case that one particular country or territory initiates
6. war with another, and neither side is engaged in an allied relationship
7. with the United States of America, the United States government will
8. not permit any sort of military action by the American military to be
9. performed; and
10. WHEREAS, If we allow our current foreign policy to follow through,
11. countless lives could be lost as a result of the United States deploying
12. troops into battles that we were previously not involved in. Be it that we
13. do not consider this resolution, the damage could eventually be
14. catastrophic; now, therefore, be it
15. RESOLVED, By this congress that: the United States government and
16. all appropriate departments will enact the implementation of an
17. isolationist foreign policy in regards to military action, ensuring that no
18. American resource will be wasted unnecessarily in a war.

Introduced by,
Wayland Union High School



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A Bill to Stop Production of Plastic Straws

BE IT ENACTED BY CONGRESS THAT:

1. SECTION 1. The United States will stop all production of
2. plastic straws and no longer use them in all
3. restaurants, bars, and stores.
4. SECTION 2. A plastic straw is a thin tube of plastic that is
5. used by being held with one end in the
6. mouth and another end in the drink.
7. SECTION 3. The Department of Health and Human
8. Services would oversee that all factories
9. halt production of straws and that all stores
10. stop serving them. Any company that goes
11. against this bill will be issued a fine \$5,000
12. every day.
13. SECTION 4. This bill will take effect July 1, 2018
14. SECTION 5. All bills that conflict with this legislation will be
15. null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Voet
Ionia High School



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A Bill to Legalize Polygamous Marriages

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. SECTION 1. The acts of polygamy and bigamy will no longer be criminalized under any state
2. or federal law.
3. SECTION 2. Polygamy refers to a plural marriage which involves multiple spouses. Once
4. legalized, those in a polygamous marriages will be granted equal rights entitled and to legal
5. marriages.
6. SECTION 3. The Department of Justice shall be charged with the implementation of this
7. legislation.
8. A. Attempts to restrict or deny liberties or benefits allocated to legal marriages for
9. polygamous marriages will be treated with the utmost severity by a court of law.
10. B. Intending spouses must be above the age of 18 and fully aware and consenting to the
11. details of the marriage.
12. SECTION 4. This piece of legislation will be implemented February 14, 2018.
13. SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Colson
Holt High School



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A Bill to Eliminate all Graduated Driver's Licences

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED, THAT

1 Section 1: No drivers license issued shall have restrictions placed upon it unless issued
2 to someone with a pertinent criminal history for disciplinary reasons.

3 Section 2: Graduated Driver's Licenses are defined as driver's licenses that contain
4 restrictions solely because of driver age or driving experience.

5 Section 3: These restrictions include, but are not limited to, restrictions on nighttime
6 driving, expressway driving, unsupervised driving, or driving with passengers of any age.

7 Section 4: This elimination will be enforced by the United States Department of
8 Transportation.

9 Section 5: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

10 Section 6: This legislation shall go into effect January 1, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,
Holland Christian High School



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A Bill to Discourage the use of Monetary Bail

Be it enacted by this Congress here assembled that:

1 Section 1. Monetary bail shall be defined as “the payment of money as a condition for pretrial
2 release”.

3 Section 2. States which continue the use of monetary bail in their court systems shall become
4 ineligible for funding from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, as
5 specified under Title 42, U.S. Code, Section 3751.

6 Section 3. All federal courts, as defined in Article III of the US Constitution, shall terminate the
7 use of monetary bail.

8 Section 4. The judicial officer who oversees the defendant shall determine whether he or she is
9 detained or released before trial. The decision shall be made in accordance with Title 18, U.S.
10 Code, Section 3142: the severity of the crime of the accused, and his or her tendencies for
11 dangerous behavior, for instance based on past criminal records, shall be taken into account.

12 Section 5. The United States Department of Justice shall enforce this bill.

13 Section 6. This bill shall go into effect the beginning of the next fiscal year: September 30, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,
Senator Konnie Lin, Cranbrook Kingswood



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A Bill to Regulate Random Digital Microtransactions

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. SECTION I: The practice of adding additional purchases in digital media, referred to in the
3. context of this bill as “microtransactions” as defined in section II, that offer a random reward
4. are hereby declared gambling and must be regulated as such in the United States of America.
5. SECTION II: A Microtransaction is defined as a business model where users can purchase
6. virtual goods. Any instance of microtransaction that offers a “random” reward, or method to
7. receive a random reward, (random being defined as being randomly selected upon purchase
8. with no guarantee of what reward will be received) falls under this legislation.
9. SECTION III: The US Department of Commerce will oversee this bill.
10. SECTION IV: This Law shall be put into effect starting January 1st, 2018.
11. SECTION V: Any company, persons, or otherwise in violation of this law will be faced with
12. a fine of \$10,000.
13. SECTION VI: Any and all laws in conflict with this law are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joseph Kachachi
Utica Academy for International Studies



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A Bill Requiring Metal Detectors at All Public Schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. SECTION I. All publicly funded schools are required to utilize metal detectors at all
2. school entrances for any person attempting to enter the building to check
3. for dangerous weapons or substances.
4. SECTION II. Dangerous weapons or substances are defined as all illegal drugs; all sharp
5. objects that could explicitly be used to harm another person, such as
6. knives, razor blades, and needles; all guns; and construction tools, such as
7. hammers, drills, or saws. These objects are forbidden on school grounds
8. unless otherwise noted to be utilized for educational purposes.
9. SECTION III. The bill will be overseen and funded by the Office of Safe and Healthy
10. Students under the United States Department of Education.
11. SECTION IV. This bill will take effect starting August 1, 2018.
12. SECTION V. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted by Dania Jaamour, Rochester Adams High School



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A Bill to Provide Equity in College Endowments

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED, THAT:

1 SECTION 1. Excessive endowments of private institutions of higher education shall be taxed.

2 SECTION 2 Institutions with a full-time enrollment greater than 500 and with endowment

3 assets greater than \$100,000 per student shall be charged a 2% excise tax on their

4 net investment income.

5 SECTION 3 Institutions with endowments above \$1 billion shall set aside 25 percent of their

6 investment earnings toward need-based financial aid. Failure to do so shall result

7 in loss of tax-exempt status for the total earnings of the endowment.

8 SECTION 4 This program shall be administered by the Department of Treasury.

9 SECTION 5. Revenue from this bill shall be directed to funding federal Public Service Loan

10 Forgiveness programs.

11 SECTION 6. This bill will take effect on January 1, 2019

12 SECTION 7. All laws in conflict with this resolution are hereby null and void

Respectfully submitted,

Sen Riley Wilson
Grand Rapids City High School