

**2023 MIFA Debate State Finals  
CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE DOCKET**

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**Super Session will use the following legislation:**

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- #6 Bill To Require the Safe Storage of Firearms in the U.S
- #9 A Bill to End the Embargo on Cuba
- #12 A Bill to Ban Fracking

## **A Bill to Create A Commission To Distribute A Universal Basic Income**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. Section 1: The Universal Basic Income Commission shall be created with
2. the intent of ensuring all American citizens who make less than \$10000 a
3. year are compensated the difference between their income for that year
4. and \$10000.
5. Section 2: A Universal Basic Income shall be defined as an untaxed
6. minimum annual income guaranteed to any adult citizen of the United
7. States by the United States government regardless of marriage status
8. The Universal Basic Income Commission, a subset of The Department
9. of the Treasury, shall be formed and charged with the distribution of
10. funds relating to this bill
11. A. The Universal Basic Income Commission shall raise the funds
12. necessary to fund the Commission's mission through a tax set and
13. regulated by the Commission at the appropriate level
14. Section 4: This legislation will take effect in the fiscal year 2026. All laws
15. In conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Henry Lizotte.

## **A Bill to Mandate and Expand Sexual Education Programs in Public High Schools**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. SECTION 1. Sex education programs in public high schools will now be mandatory for all
3. students and shall be required to include and/or expand the information
4. provided regarding the LGBTQIA+ community and sexual violence.
5. SECTION 2. The LGBTQIA+ community shall be defined as any non-heterosexual person
6. or any person who no longer identifies with their sex assigned at birth.
7. School-run sex education programs shall be defined as any/all programs
8. that are dedicated to providing, teaching, and learning about a variety of
9. topics related to sex and sexuality. Sexual violence shall be defined as an act
10. of physical, psychological and/or emotional violation in the form of a sexual
11. act, inflicted on someone without their consent.
12. SECTION 3. This bill shall be overseen by the Department of Education as well as the
13. Department of Health and Human Services.
14. A. Failure to comply may result in a school being found liable for
15. negligence and/or discrimination, in conjunction they will be fined
16. and/or investigated.
17. B. The standard and quality of which the information provided must be up
18. to shall be determined by the Department of Education, with baseline
19. requirements coming from this bill.
20. SECTION 4. This bill will be effective immediately, and the curriculum will be
21. implemented in the following school year.
22. SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Senator Oosterhouse of Wayland Union High School.

## **A Bill To Allow Felon Voting**

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS HERE CONGRESS THAT:

1. Section 1: All felons will be able to vote in local, state, and federal Elections.
2. Section 2: All felons, no matter the crime, will be allowed to vote once they are released
3. from Federal prison. Even if they are on probation.
4. Section: 3: The Department of Justice will enforce this law.
5. Section 4: This law will take effect on January 1, 2025.
6. Section 5: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted, Senator/Representative Kota Roth Ionia High School

## **A Resolution to Mitigate the Effects of Inflation**

1. WHEREAS, Inflation, defined as a decrease in the purchasing power of money, has
2. skyrocketed over the past decade.
3. WHEREAS, Over the past 3 years the average annual inflation has risen by 5.6% and
4. within the last year alone consumers are spending an average of 23% more
5. at the grocery store, leaving households with a lack of savings for
6. healthcare, housing, education, and food.
7. WHEREAS, In 2021, lower-income households had to spend about 7% more on goods
8. and services. 42% of households are saving less than usual.
9. WHEREAS, Many other countries have taken steps to mitigate the effects of inflation
10. through time tested methods. The United States still remains as being slow
11. in its response to the problem, further lowering the credibility of the U.S
12. dollar to foreign markets.
13. RESOLVED, That the Congress will revise policies regarding inflation to include the
14. raising of taxes on consumer spending by 1.92%, the decrease of
15. government spending, and the raising of interest rates by 3.32% by the
16. federal reserve
17. FURTHER RESOLVED, That the U.S. The Department of Commerce's Economic
18. Development Administration (EDA) will oversee that the increase in
19. taxation will be allocated towards the effects of lower government
20. spending on necessary programs as defined by the (EDA).

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rochester Adams High School

## **INDIGENOUS NATIONS REPRESENTATION IN THE U.S. HOUSE ACT**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. SECTION 1. The purpose of this bill is to ensure fair representation by adding a voting
3. member to the U.S. House of Representatives for each federally recognized
4. Indigenous Nation, promoting diversity and acknowledging the importance
5. of Indigenous voices in our democracy.
6. SECTION 2. For each federally recognized Indigenous Nation within the United States,
7. an additional voting member shall be added to the U.S. House of Representatives.
8. a. Indigenous Nations shall determine their representatives through a
9. process agreed upon by the Nation and the federal government.
10. SECTION 3. The elected or appointed representatives of Indigenous Nations shall have
11. the same rights and responsibilities as other members of the U.S. House of Representatives.
12. SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect at the beginning of the next congressional session
13. following its passage.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dalia Al-Koorwi Holt High School.

## **Bill To Require the Safe Storage of Firearms in the U.S**

1. Be it enacted by this Congress here assembled that:
2. Section I: Every person who owns a firearm(s) is required to store them safely. Licensed firearm dealers
3. are required to provide a locking device for each individual firearm. Any dealer in violation of this will
4. be fined up to \$1000, for each sale or transfer without a locking mechanism.
5. Section II: Storing firearms safely refers to having them in a locked case, unloaded, with the bullets in
6. a separate locked area.
7. Section III: A. The U.S Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will enforce this bill.
8. B. The DHHS will inform the public on how to safely store guns, and have programs based around
9. keeping firearms out of reach of individuals not lawfully permitted to wield firearms.
10. C. The DHHS will also inform the public of the penalties that will follow if their firearm(s) were not
11. well secured, and resulted in unlawful use.
12. D. Any funding needed will be provided by a 1.5% tax increase in gun sales tax.
13. E. Anyone in violation of this law will face a fine up to \$1000, as well as jail time, depending on the
14. severity of an individuals' case.
15. Section IV: This bill shall go into effect on January 1st, 2025.
16. Section V: All laws in conflict with this legislature are now declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Apoorva Rai  
Novi High School.

## A Bill to Normalize the Nuclear Family

1. BE IT ENACTED BY CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. SECTION 1. Two parents, residing in a household with a minimum of one child under the age of
3. eighteen, shall be placed into one of two categories for the purposes of this legislation.
4. A. Category A shall consist of one family with two parents that have filed taxes under the same
5. address when the gross income of both parents totals to less than \$89,450 or when each
6. individual parent's gross income totals to less than \$44,725.
7. B. Category B shall consist of one family with two parents that have filed taxes under the same
8. address when the gross income of both parents totals to more than \$89,450, but less than
9. \$364,201, or when each individual parent's gross income totals to more than \$44,725, but less
10. than \$182,101.
11. SECTION 2. Parents residing in the same household shall receive tax deductions to encourage the
12. presence of both parents during childhood development. Federal support qualifications shall be as follows:
13. A. Category A families shall pay 0% federal income taxes.
14. B. Category B families shall receive an additional 2% federal income tax reduction every five years of
15. marriage, which is limited to a maximum federal income tax reduction of 6%. For every child under
16. the age of eighteen in the household, Category B families shall receive an additional federal income tax
17. reduction of 1%, limited to a maximum of four children. See Figure 2.1

FIGURE 2.1 FEDERAL INCOME TAX REDUCTION BASED ON NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND LENGTH OF MARRIAGE

LENGTH OF MARRIAGE	ONE CHILD	TWO CHILDREN	THREE CHILDREN	FOUR CHILDREN
Under 5 years	1%	2%	3%	4%
5 years	3%	4%	5%	6%
10 years	5%	6%	7%	8%
15 years	7%	8%	9%	10%

18. SECTION 3. Married couples filing for any form of legal separation within the first ten years of their
19. marriage shall repay any financial support granted under this proposal to the Federal Government.
20. This section shall be declared void in cases of abuse to a spouse or child, the development of serious
21. illness, criminal behavior that endangers the family, incarceration, or if the marriage existed before the
22. passing of this proposal.
23. SECTION 4. This proposal shall take effect January 1, 2027.
24. SECTION 5. All current legislation in conflict with this proposal shall be declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Brady Sheats, Henry Ford II High School



**A Bill To: Eliminate the Michigan Sex Offenders Registration Act (SORA)**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THIS HERE CONGRESS THAT:
2. Section 1: The Sex Offenders Registration Act, MCL 28.721et seq. shall be eliminated.
3. Section 2: The current registry which includes the online database of sex offenders will be eliminated. Courts
4. will discontinue the requirement with a Sex Offender Registration Authority.
5. Section 3: The Michigan State police and governor's office will no longer manage and enforce the registry.
6. Section 3 A: The discontinuing sex offender registry does not remove a conviction from the individual's
7. criminal history record.
8. Section 4: This law will take effect within 3 months of passage.
9. Section 5: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mackenzie Birmele  
Watervliet High School  
Senator/Representative

## **A Bill to End the Embargo on Cuba**

1. Section 1: The United States shall repeal all economic sanctions intended to damage the Cuban
2. economy and harm the Cuban people.
3. Section 2: Economic sanction shall be defined as any coercive economic measure, such as bans on
4. importation and exportation of goods, bans on foreign investment, etc., designed to limit the economic
5. vitality of a country in hopes of capitulation to foreign demands.
6. a) The Cuban Assets Control Regulations, Cuban Democracy Act of 1992, Helms-Burton Act of
7. 1996, and Trade Sanction Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000 shall be repealed.
8. b) The United States shall not restrict the right of any American-based corporation from trading with
9. Cuba.
10. c) The United States shall not abridge the right of any country or foreign corporation to trade with
11. the United States on the basis of trade relations with Cuba.
12. Section 3: Implementation shall be overseen by the Department of State.
13. Section 4: This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.
14. Section 5: All legislation in conflict shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted by Jack Curtis of the Utica Academy for International Studies.

## **A Bill to Divert Federal Funding from Local S.W.A.T. Teams**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. SECTION 1. Federal funding via the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office)
2. and the Justice Assistance Grant program, both run through the Department of Justice, given to state
3. and their municipal governments, cannot provide funding for S.W.A.T. teams. Additionally, all S.W.A.T.
4. teams created for/by federal agencies such as the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and
5. Department of Education will be hereby disbanded. This bill would also illegalize the use of tear gas on
6. protesting (and/or) rioting citizens by law enforcement, and the state National Guard should take the
7. mantle of riot control(or situations which S.W.A.T. would otherwise be necessary) if need be.
8. SECTION 2. S.W.A.T. teams are defined as the following: Any form of law enforcement organization
9. given the title of "Special Weapons and Tactics"; OR any law enforcement that fits
10. the following definition: "A SWAT TEAM IS A GROUP OF SELECTED POLICE OFFICERS TRAINED
11. TO HANDLE CERTAIN CRISIS SITUATIONS (E.G., SNIPERS, BARRICADED SUBJECTS, HOSTAGE
12. SITUATIONS, "HEAVY"; ARRESTS) BEYOND THE CAPACITY OF REGULAR POLICE
13. UNITS."
14. Riot is defined as "any group of twelve or more people attempting to assert their will immediately
15. through the use of force outside the normal bounds of law" and rioting is defined as engaging in the
16. previous activity.
17. SECTION 3. The Department of Justice will oversee the enforcement of this bill.
18. SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1st 2030 . All laws in conflict with this legislation
19. are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Senator Knapp. Lansing Eastern High School

## **A Bill to Safeguard Social Media Access for Minors**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. SECTION 1. The Minor Online Protection Act (MOPA) protects minor access to social media platforms
2. through a program of parental control, algorithmic control, and transparency
3. SECTION 2. Definitions
4. A. Social media platforms include social network, video game, messaging application, video streaming
5. service, or an online platform that connects to the internet and that is used, or is reasonably likely to be
6. used by a minor.
7. B. Child/Children. A person under the age of 13.
8. SECTION 3. Social media platforms to take reasonable measures to prevent and mitigate harms to
9. minors including promotion of suicide, eating disorders, substance abuse, and sexual exploitation. To
10. this end MOPA further mandates three measures:
11. C. Allow parents to opt their children out of getting feeds curated by an algorithm.
12. D. Prohibit all online sites from collecting, using, sharing, or selling personal data of anyone under 18
13. years old.
14. E. Prohibit platforms from using children's data and online activity to target them with personalized ads.
15. SECTION 4. Social media platforms under this act shall issue an annual public report of risks and
16. harms based on third-party audit.
17. SECTION 5. Enforcement will be by the FTC and States Attorneys General.
18. SECTION 6. Fines shall be expressed as a percentage of gross revenue as determined by
19. the IRS.
20. SECTION 7. This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2025. All laws in conflict with this
21. legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Grand Rapids City High School.

## **A Bill to Ban Fracking**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 SECTION 1. United States companies shall gradually revoke the licensing for the  
2 practices of fracking.

3 SECTION 2. Fracking is defined as injecting liquid at high pressures into subterranean  
4 rocks to open existing fissures and extract oil.

5 SECTION 3. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will oversee the  
6 implementation of this bill as well as the phasing out of licenses

7 SECTION 4. All fracking licenses will be revoked by 2035

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