



**Debate State Finals
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1 A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Remove Protection for Online Harassment Campaigns

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4 RESOLVED, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is
5 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which
6 shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
7 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within
8 seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

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10 ARTICLE --

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12 SECTION 1: The First Amendment to the United States Constitution shall
13 be amended to empower Congress to regulate the freedom
14 of speech and the right of assembly of individuals engaged
15 in online harassment campaigns.

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17 SECTION 2: An online harassment campaign is, for the purpose of this
18 amendment, defined as a coordinated, multi-person, series
19 of unwanted online behaviors that are intended to inflict
20 emotional distress or suppress the political speech of
21 specific individuals or groups, excluding elected
22 representatives.

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24 SECTION 3: Solely the federal Congress shall possess the authority to
25 enforce this amendment through appropriate legislation.

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27 Introduced for Congressional Debate by _____.

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1 A Bill to Regulate Corporate Water Usage to Protect Public Access and Sustainability

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4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

5 SECTION 1. Corporations shall be subject to limits on water extraction from public

6 sources to ensure sustainable use and protect public access to water

7 resources. Corporations exceeding these limits must implement

8 conservation measures or face penalties.

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10 SECTION 2. "Corporations" are private entities that extract water for industrial,

11 agricultural, or commercial use. "Water extraction limits" are usage caps

12 based on regional water availability and environmental sustainability

13 benchmarks.

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15 SECTION 3. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of the

16 Interior shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

17 A. The EPA will set regional water extraction limits and monitor corporate

18 compliance.

19 B. The Department of the Interior will manage water rights allocations and oversee

20 conservation efforts.

21 C. Subsection A: Companies exceeding water extraction limits must reduce usage by

22 20% within two fiscal years.

23 D. Subsection B: Non-compliance will result in fines of \$10,000 per day until

24 corrective measures are taken.

25 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on FY 2025. All laws in conflict with this

26 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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28 Introduced for Congressional Debate by Addy Bar of Saline High School.

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**1 A Bill to Mandate Shared Sentences for Parents or Legal Guardians Whose Minor Child
2 Commits Gun Violence in Schools in Michigan**

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5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

6 SECTION 1. ANY PARENT OF A MINOR WHO COMMITS GUN VIOLENCE IN ANY SCHOOL WILL
7 RECEIVE EQUIVALENT CHARGES AND SENTENCES WITHOUT REQUIRING A
8 SEPARATE JURY TRIAL.

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10 SECTION 2. IF A MINOR IS FOUND GUILTY OF COMMITTING ANY CRIME INVOLVING A GUN IN
11 ANY SCHOOL OR THE GUN-FREE SCHOOL ZONE, THE PARENT OF THAT MINOR
12 WILL RECEIVE EQUIVALENT CHARGES AS A FORM OF "SHARED SENTENCE." ANY
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14 SCHOOL INCLUDES PUBLIC, PRIVATE, AND PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS THAT ARE GUN-
15 FREE ZONES ;GUNS ARE PROHIBITED WITHIN 1,000 FEET OF THE SCHOOL (GUN-
16 FREE SCHOOL-ZONE ACT OF 1990).

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18 SECTION 3. THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WILL CARRY OUT THESE SENTENCES

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20 A. THE COURT THAT CARRIES OUT THE SENTENCES WILL BE DETERMINED ON
21 THE SEVERITY OF THE CRIME.

22 B. IN MICHIGAN, FELONIES MAY BE SENT TO CIRCUIT COURT, WHILE
23 POSSESSION VIOLATIONS MAY BE SENT TO A LOWER COURT

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25 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on JANUARY 1, 2025 All laws in conflict with this
26 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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29 Introduced for Congressional Debate by MACKENZIE BIRMELE.

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1 **A Bill to Provide Over-the-Counter Birth Control Pills in Stores**

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3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

4 SECTION 1. Upon passage of this bill, birth control pills will be able to be sold as an
5 over-the-counter medication to anyone above the age of 18, no longer
6 requiring a prescription to be acquired.

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8 SECTION 2. Birth control pills will be defined in this text as any pill medication with the
9 primary goal of preventing the conception of a child. Over-the-counter
10 shall be defined as any medication sold without requiring a prescription
11 from a doctor.

12 Parents will reserve the right to give birth control pills that they purchase to
13 their children at their own discretion.

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15 SECTION 3. Relevant law enforcement and The Department of Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
16 will oversee this bill.

17 A. Upon willingly and knowingly selling to a minor, the offender will be
18 charged with the same offense as selling a controlled substance to
19 minors.

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21 SECTION 4. This bill will be enacted exactly 6 months after passage.

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

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24 Introduced for Congressional Debate by Senators L. Roberts & T. Tylk from Wayland Union High
25 School.

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1 Keep Schools Safe Act

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3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

4 **SECTION 1.** All public high schools in the United States shall be required to
5 install and maintain operational metal detectors at all primary entry
6 points to enhance the safety and security of students, staff, and
7 faculty.

8 **SECTION 2.** A. Metal detectors shall be defined as walk-through devices capable
9 of detecting metallic objects such as weapons.

10 B. Primary entry points shall be defined as doors regularly used by
11 students and staff for entry into school facilities.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall establish a grant program to
13 provide financial assistance to schools for the purchase, installation,
14 and maintenance of metal detectors. Priority shall be given to
15 schools in high-risk areas and underserved communities.

16 **SECTION 4.** Schools shall have 18 months from the enactment of this legislation
17 to comply with these requirements. Schools with fewer than 500
18 students may apply for a waiver if they can demonstrate that
19 alternative safety measures are equally effective.

20 **SECTION 5.** Schools failing to comply within the designated timeline shall face
21 reductions in non-Title I federal funding.

22 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
23 void.

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25 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Romulus Baker Holt High School*

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1 A Bill to Mandate Dashboard Cameras in Vehicle Production

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4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

5 SECTION 1. This bill will mandate the inclusion of dashboard cameras, "dashcams," as a
6 necessary part of a vehicle's safety regulations during production.

7 SECTION 2. A dashboard camera will be defined as a device capable of automatically
8 and continuously recording video and audio of the front of the vehicle,
9 typically located on the dashboard of the vehicle, with the function to store
10 recordings in the event of detected motion in front of the vehicle or a
11 collision.

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13 SECTION 3. This bill will be overseen by the US Department of Transportation and
14 enforced by The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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16 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect 1 year after passage. All laws in conflict with
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18 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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20 Introduced for Congressional Debate by Senator Sims from Ionia High School.

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1 A Bill to Institute the School Marshal Program to Increase Safety in Schools

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4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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6 SECTION 1. School Marshals shall be allowed to have firearms on school grounds.

7 Additionally, any school faculty or staff serving as a School Marshal shall

8 receive a 25% raise in salary or wage.

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10 SECTION 2. For the purposed of this legislation, "School Marshals" shall be defined as
11 school faculty or staff that has

12 1. Completed 40 hours of basic training in school policing; 40 hours
13 of Peace Officer's Standards and Training commission-approved
14 training that is specific to school policing including firearm safety,
15 appropriate use of force, and active shooter scenarios provided by
16 the Michigan State Police.

17 2. Complete a 20-hour refresher course every 4 years thereafter
18 provided by the Michigan State Police.

19 3. Complete a background check and obtain approval by the local
20 Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools

21 4. Possess a valid concealed pistol license in Michigan

22 5. Provide a secure place to store firearms on school grounds (e.g. a
23 gun safe under their desk)

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25 SECTION 3. This legislation will be funded by a \$50 State tax on all firearm sales and
26 will be overseen by the Michigan Department of Education in
27 collaboration with the Michigan State Police.

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29 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on July 1st, 2025.

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

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34 Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dominic Scarnecchia, Henry Ford II High
35 School

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1 A Bill to Reauthorize the USA FREEDOM ACT to Counter Threats to National Security

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3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

4 SECTION 1. This legislation will reauthorize the USA FREEDOM ACT to allow law
5 enforcement and intelligence agencies to conduct the following: expanded
6 surveillance, increased agency partnership, financial security, and tighten
7 border security measures for national security purposes.

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9 SECTION 2. Expanded surveillance shall allow the federal government to monitor
10 communications by wiretap if deemed appropriate. Agency partnership
11 shall be defined as permitting both law enforcement and intelligence
12 agencies to share information. Financial security shall be defined as the
13 cooperation of banks to verify the identities of transactions. Tightened
14 border security shall be determined as allowing for stricter enforcement
15 measures to prevent contraband flow.

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17 SECTION 3. The Senate Committee of Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs
18 (HSGAC) will oversee all operations of this bill. This bill shall be enforced by
19 multiple agencies consisting of: The U.S. Department of Treasury (TREAS),
20 The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and the U.S. Department
21 of Justice (DOJ).

22 A. The TREAS will mandate that financial institutions share information
23 and report all activities that may involve money laundering and/or
24 terrorist activity.

25 B. DHS will conduct searches and investigations of suspected connections
26 between terrorist organizations and U.S. citizens. DHS will enforce
27 stricter border security.

28 C. The Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the DOJ will be authorized
29 to seize and investigate any information associated with threats to
30 National Security. The DOJ is responsible for defining such information.

31 D. The HSGAC will oversee all operations pertaining to this legislation, and
32 allocate appropriate funding.

33 SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect March 1, 2025.

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

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37 Introduced for Congressional Debate by Senator Ramirez, Senator Rohde, and Senator
38 Oosterhouse of Wayland Union.

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1 A Resolution to Convene a Constitutional Convention

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3 Whereas, The Constitution of the United States has become outdated and is no longer
4 adequate for the functioning of a modern democracy; and

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6 Whereas, It is consistent with the concept of the social contract and the principles of
7 freedom, liberty, republicanism, and democracy to allow the American people to
8 introduce a new and modern constitution to better represent their needs and will; and

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10 Whereas, Founding father and third President Thomas Jefferson contended, “Every
11 constitution, then, and every law, naturally expires at the end of 19 years. If it be
12 enforced longer, it is an act of force and not of right,”; be it

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14 Resolved, A convention shall convene in the District of Columbia to introduce an
15 amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America comprehensively
16 outlining a new Constitution to serve as the Supreme Law of the United States; and

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18 Further resolved, The Constitutional Convention shall be composed of delegates from all
19 fifty states, territories, and the District of Columbia. Each legislature shall reserve the
20 right to select their delegates by any means they prefer. Each is allotted at least two
21 delegates, with those having over one million residents being allotted an additional
22 delegate to represent each million people; and

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24 Further resolved, The completed Constitutional proposal shall be referred back to the
25 Congress of the United States, where it will then be proposed to the states for ratification
26 as an amendment where it shall supersede any conflicting Constitutional law.

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29 Introduced for Congressional Debate by Senator Jack Curtis of the Utica Academy for
30 International Studies.

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1 **A Bill to End Corporate Price Gouging**

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3 Be it enacted by this Congress here assembled that:

4 Section I. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) will have the authority to set
5 reasonable limits on profit margins for essential goods and services.

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7 Section II. A profit margin will be defined as the percent calculated by dividing
8 the profit of a sale by the total revenue from the sale. An essential good/service
9 shall be defined as a product in the food, water, housing, healthcare, or energy
10 sector (this definition shall remain open for amendment by the FTC panel
11 referenced in section III)

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13 Section III. The reasonable limit shall be determined by an FTC panel made up
14 of independent economists, consumer advocates, and industry experts. This
15 panel shall be checked by an FTC review committee who will review the panel's
16 decisions and validate their decisions before they are put into place. The FTC
17 shall publish public quarterly reports containing all current profit margin limits,
18 their methodology when determining limits, enforcement actions, trends in
19 pricing within the quarter, and economic/consumer benefits that came from the
20 limits they set. Any entity found to be in violation of this regulation without
21 legitimate justification will be subject to a fine determined by the FTC panel.

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23 Section IV. Any finances this bill may require will be deducted from the US
24 Department of Defense Budget. All funds acquired from enforcement of this
25 regulation will go towards funding the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
26 Program (SNAP)

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28 Section V. This bill will go into effect on January 1st, 2025. All laws in conflict
29 with this bill are hereby declared null and void.

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31 Respectfully submitted,

32 Praduman Ranjan

33 Novi High School

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1 A Bill to Prohibit Online Sports Betting

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4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

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6 SECTION 1. The United States shall prohibit online sports betting in all forms.

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8 SECTION 2: Definitions

9 A. Online sports betting is defined as the act of placing, accepting, or facilitating
10 wagers on outcomes, scores, or occurrences within professional, amateur, or
11 collegiate sporting events, matches, or competitions through the Internet,
12 mobile applications, or other digital platforms.

13 B. This prohibition applies to all individuals, businesses, and entities operating
14 within U.S. jurisdiction.

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16 SECTION 3: This legislation shall be enforced by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC)
17 in collaboration with the Department of Justice (DOJ).

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19 SECTION 4: Penalties

20 A. Individuals found violating this law shall be fined no less than 300% of the
21 total wagered amount.

22 B. Operators or entities facilitating online sports betting shall face penalties of
23 up to \$250,000 per violation or 10% of their annual revenue, whichever is
24 greater.

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26 SECTION 5: This bill shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

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28 SECTION 6: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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31 Introduced for Congressional Debate by Grand Rapids City High School

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1 A Bill to Decriminalize Illicit Drug Possession & Usage

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3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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5 SECTION 1. Any individual found in possession of, using, or intending to use illicit
6 drugs shall no longer be subject to criminal offense. Individuals may be
7 required to enter rehabilitation programs if deemed necessary.

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9 SECTION 2. A figure in possession, using, or intending to use illegal drugs will no
10 longer face criminalization. In lieu, those exhibiting signs of substance
11 dependency may be evaluated and required to undergo rehabilitation to
12 address their health and safety. This legislation aims to shift the focus
13 from punishment to recovery and harm reduction.

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15 SECTION 3. The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will oversee the
16 implementation and enforcement of this legislation.

17 A. Any state failing to comply with this law within two years of going
18 into effect shall face an 8 percent reduction in annual federal
19 apportionments for infrastructure until compliance is achieved.

20 B. The sale, manufacturing, or distribution of illicit drugs shall continue or
21 be subjected to existing legal penalties.

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

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27 Introduced for Congressional Debate by Adlai E. Stevenson High School.

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