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## A Bill to Grant Asylum to Afghan Women and Children

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Afghani women and children at high risk of harm fleeing Taliban  
3 occupation shall be granted emergency asylum within United States  
4 domestic borders or territories.

5 **SECTION 2.** Asylum seeker shall be defined as a person who has left their home  
6 country as a political refugee and is seeking asylum in another. High risk  
7 of harm is defined as an imminent threat to life based upon gender or  
8 age.

9 **SECTION 3.** Enforcement shall be through United States Immigration and Customs  
10 Enforcement.

11 A. Degree of risk to asylum seekers shall be determined by the U.S.  
12 immigration system.

13 B. Asylum shall be granted only to women and children under the age of  
14 18.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Lometa High School.*



## A Resolution to Suggest that the World Trade Organization Increase Patent Waivers for COVID-19 Vaccines

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Intellectual property (IP) protections reduce access to the COVID-19  
2 vaccines in developing countries; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Millions of people continue to die from COVID-19 related illnesses  
4 because of inequitable access, and intellectual property protections are  
5 the driving force behind these structural inequalities; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** IP protections cement inequities in the global health system. Specifically,  
7 Covid-19 vaccines empirically verify the problems built into health  
8 systems; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Carving out exceptions for COVID-19 vaccines recognizes a human right  
10 to health for less privileged groups, which is key to increasing access to  
11 life saving drugs in developing nations; now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled suggest the World Trade  
13 Organization increase patent waivers for life saving medicines.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Salado High School.*



## A Resolution to Protect and Reduce Congestion at Existing National Parks

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The National Park System is seeing record numbers of visitors after over a  
2 year of pandemic restrictions; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Locations that do not currently have reservation systems are currently  
4 unable to accommodate every guest that comes into the park; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Parks without a reservation system are seeing four hour wait times to  
6 enter; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Increased congestion at parks has led to an increase in litter and damage  
8 to the parks' infrastructure; now, therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following  
10 recommendation for an increase in national park fees and the  
11 establishment of a reservation system at all national parks.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Mildred High School.*



## A Resolution to Improve Housing and Healthcare for Veterans

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Approximately 23% of the veterans are homeless; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** Approximately 45% suffer from some sort of sickness or mental illness  
3 and can't get the healthcare they need; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** A lot of veterans cannot afford a home because they're either disabled  
5 and not able to work or because of their physical and mental health;  
6 now, therefore, be it
- 7 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following  
8 recommendation to create an area with tiny homes that are easily  
9 accessible and affordable for veterans to live in; and, be it
- 10 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That we should make patients waiting periods shorter to meet  
11 their healthcare needs.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Itasca High School.*



## A Resolution to Designate Health Decisions to Local County Officials

- 1 **WHEREAS,** In matters of public health, decisions on preventive measures and how to  
2 respond during crises are best handled at the county level; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The size of some states in terms of population are too large and diverse  
4 to regulate healthcare policies for the state as the whole; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The vast distribution of population geographically spread across some  
6 states ensures varied risk of exposure and options for treatment; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Needs and responses for densely populated areas of some states will  
8 align differently than areas with a more dispersed population; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** There is a higher probability for individuals to adopt policies when these  
10 decisions are established at the local level to meet the specific county's  
11 needs; now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following  
13 recommendation that decisions regarding public health be guided by the  
14 state and decided by the county.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Midway High School.*



## A Bill to Prohibit the Use of Cigarettes in Any and All Public Indoor Spaces

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All buildings that are open to the public cease tolerance of any presence  
3 of smoking.

4 **SECTION 2.** Forms of cigarettes that will be prohibited include electronic, herbal,  
5 flavored, and clove cigarettes. Any other alternative forms of cigars will  
6 also be subject to violation.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration will fund and regulate  
8 this bill.

9 A. OSHA will handle the creation of warning signs to warn those who  
10 enter public spaces of the consequences of the use of cigarettes.

11 B. Fines will be distributed to violators of this bill. Person(s) that are  
12 convicted of violating this law multiple times are subject to paying  
13 higher amounts in later issued fines.

14 **SECTION 4.** This law will be implemented by the end of 2022.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Lampasas High School.*



## A Bill to Create the Ransomware Task Force

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress will establish an interagency working group to be named the  
3 Joint Ransomware Task Force (JRTF).

4 **SECTION 2.** Ransomware shall be defined as a type of malicious software designed to  
5 block access to a computer system until a sum of money is paid.

6 **SECTION 3.** The National Cyber Director will work in combination with the National  
7 Security Council and shall oversee the JRTF. The Cyber Division of the  
8 Federal Bureau of Investigation will provide oversight for the task force.

9 A. The Cyber Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall  
10 coordinate with the JRTF.

11 B. All federal, state, and local government agencies are subject to  
12 assessment of ransomware risk.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation goes into effect on September 1, 2022

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Lometa High School.*





## A Resolution to Invest in the United States Pharmaceutical Industry

- 1   **WHEREAS,**    The U.S. relies heavily on other countries to supply its demand for  
2                    medical supplies and drugs; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**    About 80 percent of the basic components used in U.S. drugs, known  
4                    as active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs), come from China and  
5                    India; and
- 6   **WHEREAS,**    COVID-19 has highlighted the dire need to invest in pharmaceutical  
7                    research and development and pharmaceutical infrastructure to better  
8                    monitor and address health threats in the future; therefore be it
- 9   **RESOLVED,**   That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following  
10                   recommendation for the United States government to invest in the U.S.  
11                   pharmaceutical industry.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Salado High School.*



## A Resolution to Limit Interest Charged on College Loans

- 1   **WHEREAS,**    The current student loan system limits financial growth and freedom of  
2                    graduates; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**    The payment of loans disproportionately affects college graduates; and
- 4   **WHEREAS,**    Loan forgiveness or lenient lending rates have been shown to have a positive  
5                    effect on graduates' income and financial stability; and
- 6   **WHEREAS,**    States with better loan programs have a much higher rate of successful college  
7                    graduates; now, therefore, be it
- 8   **RESOLVED,**   That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following recommendation  
9                    limiting the interest rate of loans to 2% to secure financial stability in a nation  
10                   dependent on educated skills.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Belton High School.*



## **A Bill to Outlaw Private Military Contractors to Reduce War Crimes**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Private Militaries can be dangerous, as they do not follow laws and public  
3 opinions as much as government regulated militaries.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Defense would eliminate the use of private military  
5 contractors for the reason that they do not obey the laws that the  
6 government run militaries follow.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense would oversee implementation of this  
8 legislation.

9 **SECTION 4.** This bill takes effect January 31, 2022.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Wortham High School.*



## **A Resolution to Eliminate Cash Bail and Pretrial Detention for Nonviolent Crimes**

- 1 **WHEREAS,** There has been a 433% increase in the use of pretrial detention between  
2 1970 and 2015; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Three out of five people in U.S. jails have not been convicted of a crime,  
4 amounting to nearly half a million people in jails each day; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Cash bail disproportionately impacts people of color and those living in  
6 poverty; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Spending time in jail can result in job loss, homelessness, and loss of  
8 custody of children; now, therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following  
10 recommendation for the elimination of cash bail and pretrial detention  
11 for those accused of nonviolent crimes and who are not deemed to be a  
12 flight risk.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Mildred High School.*



## A Resolution to Maintain a Permanent Military Base in Afghanistan

- 1   **WHEREAS,**    The Taliban has taken over the government of Afghanistan, leading to  
2                    more instability in the region; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**    The Taliban is a terrorist group along with al-Qaeda, ISIS (Islamic State of  
4                    Iraq and Syria), ISIL (Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant), IS (Islamic  
5                    State); and
- 6   **WHEREAS,**    A permanent military base could promote unity and security in the  
7                    region; and
- 8   **WHEREAS,**    A military base would also be important in a potential war scenario; now,  
9                    therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,**   That the UIL Congress here assembled make recommend that a  
11                    permanent military base be established in Afghanistan.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Salado High School.*



## **A Bill to Implement and Establish Uniform Criteria for Determining Criminal Insanity**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. Penal Code will implement the M'Naghten test to establish  
3 uniform criteria for determining criminal insanity in United States  
4 criminal cases.

5 **SECTION 2.** Criminal insanity is defined as a standard under which a criminal  
6 defendant is considered to have been insane at the time of an act if he or  
7 she did not know right from wrong or did not understand the moral  
8 nature of the act because of a mental disease or defect.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will oversee enforcement of this legislation.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect on January 1, 2023

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Lometa High School.*



## **A Bill to End Economic Embargos to the Republic of Cuba**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United State federal government shall end the economic embargo on  
3 the Republic of Cuba to allow business and business interests to operate  
4 between the two countries.

5 **SECTION 2.** Business interests are defined but not limited to business intellectual  
6 property, indirect ownership interest, and pledged partnership interest.

7 **SECTION 3.** The State Department along with the Department of Commerce and  
8 Treasury will oversee the enforcement of the bill.

9 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Itasca High School.*



## A Bill to Legalize Assisted Euthanasia Nationwide

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Assisted and physician-monitored suicide shall be made legal.

3 **SECTION 2.** Let assisted suicide be defined as a safe, painless, and humane death by

4 lethal injection by choice due to great incurable physical pain.

5 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) would oversee

6 the implementation of the Death with Dignity act.

7 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be put into action March 1st, 2022.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Midway High School.*





## A Bill to Establish A Curfew for Transporting Windmill Parts

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All transporter vehicles that correlate with windmill transport and  
3 services are limited to a set curfew.

4 **SECTION 2.** Windmill transportation vehicles will have a curfew that limits hours of  
5 operation from 10pm until 5am. Curfew will be defined as the time in  
6 which an operation or transportation or action can be performed.

7 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Transportation will oversee the implementation  
8 and enforcement of this bill, and further enforcement will be enhanced  
9 by local police departments.

10 **SECTION 4.** This law will be implemented September 1, 2022, allowing for windmill  
11 services to be notified with enough time to make changes to their  
12 transport itineraries if necessary.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Lampasas High School.*



## A Bill to Aid in Stopping Human Trafficking

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall provide \$40 billion to fight human  
3 trafficking.

4 **SECTION 2.** Human trafficking includes but is not limited to labor, services, and commercial  
5 sex trafficking.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will oversee the enforcement of  
7 the bill.

8 A. Trafficking hot spots will be targeted.

9 B. Areas of entry including airports, seaports, and borders will have higher  
10 security.

11 C. Zero tolerance policies will be implemented for traffickers.

12 **SECTION 4.** The bill will be implemented on February 1, 2022.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Itasca High School.*



## A Resolution to Increase Organ Transplant Availability

- 1 **WHEREAS,** There are currently over 107,000 people on the national transplant  
2 waiting list; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Nearly 60% of patients on the waiting list spend their life savings on  
4 hospital bills waiting for a transplant; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** If the Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) is not given permission by  
6 the next of kin or a will to harvest a cadaver's organs, they will be  
7 disposed of by the state; now, therefore, be it
- 8 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled allow the Organ Procurement  
9 Organization to harvest organs of the unclaimed deceased to increase  
10 organ transplant availability.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Salado High School.*



## **A Bill to Administer Vaccines in U.S. Detention Centers to Prevent Spread of Disease**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** United States immigrant detention facilities shall administer vaccinations  
3 to detainees.

4 **SECTION 2.** Detainees, in accordance with vaccine scheduling, shall receive vaccines  
5 for chicken pox (Varicella); diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (DTaP);  
6 influenzae, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR); polio (IPV);  
7 pneumococcal (PCV); Hepatitis A (Hep A); Hepatitis B (Hep B); rotavirus  
8 (RV); Human Papillomavirus (HPV); and COVID-19.

9 **SECTION 3.** Implementation of this legislation will be overseen by United States  
10 Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in cooperation with the  
11 Health Service Corps (IHSC).

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect on February 1, 2022.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Lometa High School.*



## A Bill to Remove Common Core and Reinstate State-Level Standard of Education

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal government shall dissolve the Common Core program and  
3 replace it with a state-level Standard of Education.

4 **SECTION 2.** Common Core is to be dissolved from grades K-12, and the states shall  
5 set their own Education Standard.

6 **SECTION 3.** Each state's Department of Education shall set their own standards of  
7 education with help from the federal Department of Education.

8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect at the beginning of the new school year  
9 after passage.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Rice High School.*