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## A Bill to Legalize Psilocybin as a Medical Treatment for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal government will legalize Psilocybin as a Schedule 2 controlled  
3 substance.

4 **SECTION 2.** Psilocybin is a psychedelic prodrug that cause euphoria, distorted  
5 perception, and a distorted sense of time. A schedule 2 controlled  
6 substance is a drug that has an accepted medicinal use yet has a  
7 moderate to high potential for physical and psychological dependence.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Food and Drug Administration and Centers for Disease Control will  
9 regulate and enforce this bill.

10 A. A licensed doctor that prescribes this treatment must work in  
11 conjunction with a licensed psychologist.

12 B. Treatment must include therapy that prevents or deters abuse.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented on January 1, 2022.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 2.*



## A Resolution to Support Democracy and Human Rights

1 **WHEREAS,** The forces of authoritarianism and populism are rising across the globe and  
2 threatening democracy; and

3 **WHEREAS,** These forces endanger human rights and liberties, denying that all people a  
4 are equal and deserve a voice in their government, as seen in China,  
5 Russia, Hungary, Poland, and Hong Kong. It is in their nature to oppress,  
6 silence, and seek to destroy those who stand against them both internally  
7 and externally; and

8 **WHEREAS,** If not rebuked, these forces will continue to grow and destabilize the world.  
9 More people will be put under the thumb of tyrants, with their voices not  
10 heard and their rights revoked and denied; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled dedicate itself and our foreign policy  
12 to the self-evident truth that all people deserve to live free under the benign  
13 influence.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 9.*



## **A Bill to Mandate that All Candidates for Public Office Release Their Income Tax Returns from the Previous Five Years**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In recent times, the American public has become increasingly aware of the  
3 multitude of potential problems associated with elected officials paying lower  
4 federal and/or state income taxes than the average citizen does annually. All  
5 candidates running for public office must release their income tax returns from  
6 the previous five years.

7 **SECTION 2.** Any state or federal elected public official will automatically be required to  
8 publicly release their federal and state income tax returns for the previous five  
9 years. Any local, county, or equivalent elected public official must release their  
10 tax returns upon the request of any constituent.

11 **SECTION 3.** Enforcement of this bill will be overseen by the Internal Revenue System through  
12 the Department of The Treasury.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on February 1, 2021.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 14.*



## A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Lower the Legal Voting Age

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

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

8 **ARTICLE 26**

9 **SECTION 1:** This bill shall lower the age required to vote in any federal election to six-  
10 teen years of age. Furthermore, no vote shall be denied or abridged by  
11 the United States or by State on account of age. This bill shall take effect  
12 on the first of July in the year of its passing.

13 **SECTION 2:** The UIL Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate  
14 legislation.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 17.*



## A Resolution to Ban No Knock Warrants

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   No knock warrants pose a deadly risk to innocent lives; and
- 2   **WHEREAS,**   Unannounced entry into a location by police increases the chances of a
- 3                    deadly encounter; and
- 4   **WHEREAS,**   Both the subjects that are the target of warrant and innocent targets in
- 5                    the location the warrant is being served are placed in a deadly situation,
- 6                    putting them in harm's way; and
- 7   **WHEREAS,**   The use of no knock warrants has increased the amount of deadly
- 8                    encounters against innocent civilians; and
- 9   **WHEREAS,**   If police officers use the knock and announce protocol it will decrease
- 10                  the chances of deadly encounters; now, therefore, be it
- 11   **RESOLVED,**   That the UIL Congress here assembled ban the use of No Knock Warrants
- 12                  from police.



## A Bill to give Puerto Rico an Enabling Act for Statehood

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, is hereby, authorized to form a state  
3 government. After meeting the following standards, the Commonwealth  
4 of Puerto Rico will be admitted with an equal footing to that of the  
5 existing states.

6 **SECTION 2.** The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico will be defined by 48 U.S. Code  
7 Section 731 to determine: boundaries, territorial claims, and residents.

8 **SECTION 3.** The government of Puerto Rico will execute the following provisions and  
9 the Department of Justice (DOJ) will oversee the transition.

10 A. Within 3 months of passage, the government of Puerto Rico must  
11 popularly elect representatives to a state constitutional convention.

12 B. Within 6 months of passage, the people of Puerto Rico must vote on a  
13 state constitution that adequately addresses the basic responsibilities  
14 of statehood and is in agreement with the U.S. Constitution.

15 C. After admittance, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico will have two  
16 senators and one representative of the house until the next  
17 nationwide census.

18 D. The DOJ will be allocated \$5 million to aid the Puerto Rican transition  
19 to statehood. It will be their job to hold the transition process to the  
20 standards listed above and report any shortcomings to congress.

21 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be enacted immediately upon passage.

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



## A Resolution to Build a System of Artificial Reefs to Protect Marine Biodiversity

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   Global warming, pollution, overfishing, and other factors are causing  
2                   coral reefs to disappear at an alarming rate; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**   25% of all marine species depend on coral reefs at one point in their lives;  
4                   and
- 5   **WHEREAS,**   The destruction of coral reefs results in catastrophic effects for the  
6                   marine ecosystem; and
- 7   **WHEREAS,**   Coral reefs provide many additional benefits such as protecting shores  
8                   from erosion, providing income from fishing, and the creation of new  
9                   medicines; now, therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,**   That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following  
11                   recommendation for solution: to build a system of artificial reefs.



## **A Resolution to Provide Universal Access to Pre-Kindergarten Education to Ensure the Academic Success of Students**

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Pre-Kindergarten education has been proven to cause increases in  
2 children’s literacy and understanding of mathematics; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** According to the American Public Health Association, upwards of 60% of  
4 4-year-olds in the U.S. don’t have access to Pre-Kindergarten; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Providing Pre-K to all students can afford each student the equal  
6 opportunity to succeed academically and socially; now, therefore, be it
- 7 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following  
8 recommendation to provide Universal Access to Pre-K Education.



## A Resolution to Abolish Plea Bargaining to Increase Fairness in the Judicial System

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Approximately 97 percent of federal and 95 percent of state court cases  
2 are resolved through plea deals rather than the accused exercising their  
3 right to a jury trial; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** American prosecutors are equipped with a vast array of tools they can  
5 use to intimidate the accused, including charge-stacking, pretrial  
6 detention with unaffordable bail, threats to investigate and indict friends  
7 or family members, and the so-called trial penalty; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Coercive plea bargaining helps cover up an untold amount of  
9 prosecutorial misconduct; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** Blacks and Latinos were significantly more likely to be offered plea deals  
11 that included time behind bars for misdemeanor drug offenses
- 12 **WHEREAS,** Black defendants were 19 percent more likely than whites to be offered  
13 plea deals that included jail or prison time; now, therefore, be it
- 14 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following  
15 recommendation that plea bargaining no longer be allowed in the United  
16 States.



## A Bill to Prescribe Burns for Unhealthy Forests to Combat Forest Fires

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The U. S. federal government will diagnose unhealthy forests and  
3 prescribe a burn and put a fire watch in that region until after the event  
4 of the prescribed burn.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Unhealthy forests” shall be defined as forests that have so many trees  
6 that other animal life and vegetation can’t survive.

7 “Prescribed burn” shall be defined as a burn assigned to a forest, under  
8 strict watch, in order to burn excess vegetation and encourage the  
9 growth of Native Species.

10 **SECTION 3.** Implementation of this legislation will go through the United States  
11 Department of Agriculture Forest Service.

12 A. Funding will be received from the congressional budget for wildfires.

13 B. The United States federal government will offer the service to private  
14 landowners without charge. However, the landowner can choose to  
15 have a controlled burn done by a private company.

16 C. Refusal will be considered a civil offense and will be penalized with a  
17 fine of \$10-\$50 per acre and land removal through eminent domain.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented on January 1, 2022.

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



## A Resolution to Create a Federal Child Protective Service

- 1   **WHEREAS,**    The federal government provides roughly one half of the money spent in  
2                    the designated fiscal budget nation-wide for child abuse investigations,  
3                    foster care, family reunification and state adoption and therefore has  
4                    vested interest in finding a better system to protect children; and
- 5   **WHEREAS,**    Child welfare in the United States is fragmented and easily manipulated  
6                    by guardians who have learned to work the broken system by relocating  
7                    from state to state to avoid discovery that leads to prosecution; and
- 8   **WHEREAS,**    The current system requires state cooperation in abuse and allegation  
9                    investigations despite the lack of technology that would permit  
10                   information sharing across state boundaries; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,**    In 2006 the United States Congress recognized the need for a federal  
12                    approach but did not take the steps necessary to create a workable  
13                    solution with enforcement; now, therefore, be it
- 14 **RESOLVED,**    That the UIL Congress here assembled require the United States  
15                    Department of Health and Human Services create a research committee  
16                    to develop a federally mandated database to track abuse allegations  
17                    along with considering creating a federal child protective service agency  
18                    to replace state and county agencies to reduce inconsistent approaches  
19                    and policies.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 7.*



## **A Bill Authorizing Construction of the “Ike Dike” to Protect the Houston-Galveston Region from Storm Surge**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Authorizes construction of the “Ike Dike” including a 17-foot revetment  
3 of dunes, the raising of coastal highways, addition of flood gates and a  
4 coastal spine to protect the Houston-Galveston region from hurricane  
5 storm surge.

6 **SECTION 2.** The United States Army Corps of Engineers will oversee the project.

7 A. The United States Army Corps of Engineers will work in cooperation  
8 with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the  
9 United States Fish and Wildlife Service in project planning and  
10 construction.

11 B. All planning and construction must meet Environmental Protection  
12 Agency criteria.

13 **SECTION 4.** Project planning and implementation will begin on Oct. 1, 2021.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 12.*



## A Resolution to put a Cap on College Tuition

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   College affordability is becoming an increasingly important issue  
2                    nationwide because of rising tuition prices; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**   The cost of tuition across the United States has risen over 154% in the  
4                    last two decades; and
- 5   **WHEREAS,**   The average graduate leaves school with around \$30,000 in debt and  
6                    some 45 million Americans owe \$1.6 trillion in student loans and;
- 7   **WHEREAS,**   High national debt can drive down the economic stability and growth of  
8                    our country; now, therefore, be it
- 9   **RESOLVED,**   That the UIL Congress here assembled advocate a federally mandated  
10                   cap on tuition prices to make college more affordable to students  
11                   and their families.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 15.*



## **A Bill to Require Agricultural Classes to Complete High School Graduation Requirements**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This act shall ensure that all high school students complete a half credit in  
3 an agricultural curriculum based class, so that all students will be made  
4 aware of the potential future in the field of agriculture.

5 **SECTION 2.** Definitions:

6 A. Agricultural Curriculum: classes that prepare students for a variety of  
7 careers, including ranching, farming, agriculture science, agriculture  
8 business, agriculture production, agronomy, animal science,  
9 agricultural law and finance, or horticulture.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education, through No Child Left behind Legislation  
11 Shall implement this bill.

12 **SECTION 4.** Upon passage and approval of this bill, this act will become effective for  
13 the graduating class of 2025 requiring implementation by the fall of 2021.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 18.*



## A Bill to Reform Gun Purchases

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All items covered in Class 1 through Class 3 weapons licenses are legal to own by  
3 all citizens of America of sound mind and clear criminal record.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Class 1 through Class 3 weapons licenses” means all non-explosive or biological  
5 armament. “Sound mind” means anyone who can pass a psychiatric  
6 examination. “Clear criminal record” means having no felony on file.

7 **SECTION 3.** Upon the passing of this legislation, the Department of Alcohol Tobacco and  
8 Firearms (ATF) will take on new responsibilities: the registration of psychiatrists  
9 to perform examinations, and the jurisdiction to confiscate the armaments of  
10 those who lose eligibility to own them.

11 A. Psychiatrists will need to renew their registration with the ATF every five  
12 years for a fee of \$500 payable to the ATF. Only the purchase of Class 3  
13 weapons requires the psychiatric evaluation.

14 B. To be able to purchase Class 3 weapons, the gun owner must possess a  
15 license from the ATF proving they have passed their psychiatric evaluation.  
16 The license must be renewed every 5 years for a fee of \$500 payable to the  
17 ATF.

18 C. The denial of eligibility for purchases on grounds of mental illness will  
19 consist of illnesses that are both untreated and pose a risk of harm to  
20 themselves and others. Failure to renew the psychiatric evaluation all  
21 firearms are subject to seizure by the ATF or delegated law enforcement.

22 **SECTION 4.** This legislation goes into effect on September 1, 2021.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 20.*

*We certify that the legislation submitted by this school for this Congress is the original work of the students of our school and has permission to be presented.*



## A Bill to Provide Paid Paternity and Maternity Leave for Employed Parents

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

2 **SECTION 1.** An employed man or woman shall be provided with up to 15 weeks of  
3 paid leave after the birth of a biological child.

4 A. The 15 weeks of paid leave shall be sectioned into three phases,  
5 which will include five weeks each.

6 B. 100% of a parent's regular salary shall be provided during phase one.

7 C. Their pay shall be reduced to 80% during the second phase.

8 D. The final phase shall consist of 60% of the person's initial salary.

9 E. A parent cannot enter phase one after their child has reached 6  
10 months of age.

11 **SECTION 2.** Employed refers to a person who has a job for pay.

12 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Labor shall oversee the enforcement of  
13 this bill.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect on the next January 1st following its passage.

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



## A Bill to Prohibit the Sale of Assault Grade Weapons to Minors

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) should  
3 prohibit the sale of any assault grade weapons to minors.

4 **SECTION 2.** Assault grade weapons is defined as semi-automatic rifles, pistols, and  
5 shotguns that are able to accept detachable magazines and possess one  
6 or more other features as well as any revolving cylinder shotguns. Minors  
7 is defined as any person under the age of full legal responsibility, i.e. 18  
8 years of age.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) will  
10 oversee the enforcement of this legislation in conjunction with state and  
11 local governments.

12 A. In the event of any violation of this legislation, the institution in  
13 violation will have their Federal Firearms License permanently  
14 revoked.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect FY 2022

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



## A Resolution to Instill Term Limits on All Members of Congress

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Members of Congress can serve as long as there elected; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** The longest member to serve in congress was 51 years; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** It is the goal of Congress to pass legislation favored by the people; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** 82 percent of Americans support term limits on all members of congress; now,
- 5 therefore, be it
- 6 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following recommendation to
- 7 create 12-year term limits on all members of Congress.



## **A Resolution to Ban Chemical Weapons Use by the State to Protect the Right of Citizens to Peacefully Protest**

- 1   **WHEREAS,**    The use of tear gas and other chemical weapons are banned in warfare  
2                    under the Geneva Protocol of 1925; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**    The United States reserved the right to use riot control agents in cases of  
4                    controlling rioting prisoners of war, situations where civilian casualties  
5                    can be avoided; and
- 6   **WHEREAS,**    Chemical agents are currently being deployed against peaceful protestors  
7                    within the United States; and
- 8   **WHEREAS,**    Peaceful protest is a guaranteed right in the U.S. constitution; and the  
9                    use of chemical weapons to disperse protestors is an act of aggression;  
10                   now, therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,**   That the UIL Congress here assembled prohibit the use of chemical  
12                   weapons by domestic police forces against protesting citizens.



## A Bill to Enact Universal Healthcare

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will provide universal healthcare to all U.S. citizens.

3 **SECTION 2.** A. “U.S Citizens” refer to all Americans born in/or legally moved into the United  
4 States.

5 B. “Universal Healthcare” refers to free mental and physical doctoring.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will work in conjunction  
7 with state and local governments to oversee the implementation of this bill.

8 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect FY 2025.

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