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A Resolution to Strengthen Federal Gun Laws

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States is in the midst of a gun violence epidemic; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** This is an issue on a scale that no other country faces, claiming nearly
3 40,000 American lives. Mass shootings have become a daily occurrence;
4 and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Current regulations on guns are too weak, vary too much by state, and
6 allow for guns to frequently fall in the wrong hands; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The public is demanding action to mitigate this crisis. There exists strong
8 bipartisan support for a multitude of gun control measures; now,
9 therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled will mandate universal background
11 checks and possession of a firearms license before the purchase of a gun;
12 and, be it
- 13 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a national gun registry will be created in conjunction with
14 these policies.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 20.



A Bill to Mandate the Harvest of Organs after Death

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Any and all transplant-viable organs will be harvested from all U.S.
3 residents upon their deaths.

4 **SECTION 2.** Death shall be defined as irreversible cessation of all functions of the
5 entire brain, including the brain stem.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will implement this bill.

7 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect January 1, 2021.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 5.



A Bill to Stop the Sale of Electronic Cigarettes in the United States

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The sale of electronic cigarettes, which contain hazardous chemicals, is
3 continuously increasing, and have unknown long-term side effects including
4 death.

5 **SECTION 2.** E-cigarettes constitute an existential health risk to Americans, including minors.

6 **SECTION 3.** The sale of e-cigarettes will be stopped until such time as research proves no
7 harm shall result from use.

8 A. Enforcement shall be through the Food and Drug Administration.

9 **SECTION 4.** Implementation shall be immediate (within one calendar month) upon bill
10 passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by ESC 18.

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A Bill to Increase Funding to the FDA to Develop Artificial Intelligence for Healthcare

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. Federal Government shall increase funding to the Food and Drug
3 Administration (FDA) by \$5 million dollars in the Federal Budget. The increase is
4 to be used to create a grant that promotes the development of artificial
5 intelligence for the assistance of healthcare professionals.

6 **SECTION 2.** Artificial intelligence is defined as the theory and development of computer
7 systems able to perform tasks that normally require human intelligence, such as
8 visual perception, speech recognition, decision-making, and translation between
9 languages.

10 **SECTION 3.** The FDA is responsible for making the grant and the criteria for receiving the
11 grant with the following restrictions.

12 A. The grant's purpose is strictly for research and creation of artificial
13 intelligence with its primary function relating to the medical industry.

14 B. If the funding is not used for the intended purpose, it can be taken away and
15 redistributed where necessary.

16 **SECTION 4.** The bill takes effect in the 2022 budget and reconsider in 2032 budget.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 2.



A Bill to Legalize Euthanasia to Enable Certain Persons to Die with Dignity

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Euthanasia shall be legal in the United States in those instances where
3 death is eminent due to an incurable, painful disease or irreversible coma
4 to the extent that an individual's quality of life is in a state of non-
5 improvement, or continuous deterioration as determined by a medical
6 doctor and/or the patient.

7 **SECTION 2.** A medical doctor shall be one who is certified to practice medicine in the
8 United States with a specialization in immunity and diseases. A patient
9 shall be any person over the age of 21 with an incurable or painful
10 disease or who is in a state of irreversible coma. Euthanasia is defined as
11 an assisted medical death that is painless and one which is accompanied
12 by a legal contract between a medical doctor and a qualifying patient
13 and/or the agent of that qualifying patient.

14 **SECTION 3.** The FDA (Food and Drug Administration) and state governing medical
15 board which has jurisdiction shall oversee and regulate the death of a
16 qualifying patient by developing a streamlined application process and a
17 list of best practices leading to the death of the applicant.

18 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect one month after its passage.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 3.



A Bill to Limit the Use of Solitary Confinement in Federal Prisons in Order to End the Psychologically Harmful Practice

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Federal prisons will reduce the usage of solitary confinement.

3 **SECTION 2.** Solitary confinement is the isolation of a prisoner in a separate cell,
4 typically as a punishment and sometimes as a means of protection for a
5 population of prisoners.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Bureau of Prisons will oversee the implementation of this
7 law.

8 A. This bill recommends that any prisoner be kept in solitary
9 confinement for the shortest term possible and only with necessary
10 cause. The maximum allowable time for a person to spend in solitary
11 confinement will be 15 days.

12 B. This bill bans the practice of juvenile detainees ever being placed in
13 solitary confinement.

14 C. This bill bans any usage of solitary confinement for detainees with a
15 serious diagnosed mental disorder.

16 D. This bill also bans the practice of placing LGBTQ inmates in solitary
17 confinement as a means of protection.

18 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect precisely one month after passage.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 15.

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A Resolution to Abolish Columbus Day as a Federal Holiday

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Christopher Columbus and his men enslaved many native inhabitants
2 of the West Indies and subjected them to extreme violence and
3 brutality; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** 130 cities across the country have taken a stand against Columbus Day;
5 and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Columbus Day harms the Native American population by conjuring the
7 violent history of 500 years of colonial oppression at the hands of
8 European explorers and those who settled here; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Recognition of this holiday by the federal government reinforces those
10 racist ideas towards indigenous people; now, therefore be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled remove Columbus Day as a federal
12 holiday.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate ESC 7.



A Bill to Bar the Sale of Arms to the Philippines

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government should bar foreign military sales
3 and direct commercial sales of arms to the Philippines.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Bar” means to end current sales and prohibit any future sales. “Foreign
5 military sales” are sales from the U.S. government to a foreign
6 government. “Direct commercial sales” are sales from a U.S. company to
7 a foreign government.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense will add the Philippines to the list of banned
9 countries as per the Arms Export Control Act.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented on January 31, 2020.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 8.



The Asylum Reform Act of 2020

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

2 **SECTION 1.** US Code Title 8, Chapter 12, Subchapter II. Part 1 shall be amended to
3 add the following:

4 A fourth clause in Section (a)(2) will state: Particular social groups
5 include, but will not be limited to, victims of domestic violence victims,
6 victims of gang violence, which includes human trafficking and drug
7 trafficking, victims of terrorism, victims of cultural or social genocide, and
8 those affected by humanitarian crises.

9 **SECTION 2.** Gang violence will be defined as any violence perpetrated by a member
10 of a gang. Human trafficking will include both sex trafficking and labor
11 trafficking.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security and Department of Justice will
13 oversee the enforcement of the bill.

14 A. They will create the new criterion for the new standard of asylum.

15 B. They will establish a new immigration court specifically for asylum
16 cases.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented by July 1st, 2020.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 13.



A Resolution to Replace Existing Street Lighting with LED Adaptive Lighting Systems

1 **WHEREAS,** The United States contains an estimated 26 million streetlights that
2 consume as much electricity annually as 1.9 million households and
3 generate greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to 2.6 million cars; and

4 **WHEREAS,** Adaptive lighting systems effectively reduce the cost and extent of the
5 undesirable effects of current roadway lighting while maintaining safety
6 and usability; and

7 **WHEREAS,** LED adaptive street light provides falling prices, increased efficiency,
8 better light quality, reduced trespass and improved controllability; and

9 **WHEREAS,** In areas that have utilized LED lighting fixtures to replace traditional
10 lighting both energy costs and maintenance costs have been lowered;
11 now, therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED,** By the UIL Congress here assembled that all existing traditional roadway
13 lighting on federally-maintained roadways be replaced with LED adaptive
14 street lighting.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by ESC 6.



A Bill to Mandate Vaccinations to Protect the Citizens of the United States

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will make it mandatory for all
3 people residing in the U.S. to be vaccinated.

4 **SECTION 2.** This bill will include all vaccines recommended by the CDC.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will oversee the
6 distribution of vaccines and manage all necessary data files related to
7 vaccines.

8 A. The DHHS can exempt persons from vaccinations who have
9 documented medical issues that a vaccine would cause life
10 threatening complications.

11 **SECTION 4.** This law will go into effect immediately upon passage. The DHHS have
12 until 2021 to completely be compliant.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 12.



A Bill to Reclassify Visa Overstays from a Civil Violation to a Criminal Violation

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal government would reclassify visa overstays to
3 be a violation of federal criminal law rather than a civil violation.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. "Federal Criminal Law" shall be defined as a crime that violates a
5 Federal law of the United States.

6 B. "Visa Overstays" shall be defined as staying in the United States
7 beyond the date indicated on the I-94 form or the corresponding D/S
8 (Duration of Status).

9 **SECTION 3.** The enforcement of this bill shall be overseen by the U.S. Department of
10 Homeland Security (DHS) and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection
11 Agency (USCBPA).

12 A. This bill will give all defendants who violate visa overstays the
13 constitutional right to a free attorney in criminal proceedings.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented on January 1, 2021.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 1.



A Bill to Implement Housing Assistance for Aged-Out Foster Care Youth

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Housing assistance will be provided for aged-out foster children.

3 **SECTION 2.** Housing assistance is defined as providing monetary assistance to procure
4 housing. Aged-out is defined as emancipated because the child reached the
5 legal age of adulthood in their states, usually at age 18.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Children’s Bureau (Within the Administration for Children and Families) and
7 the Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the enforcement of
8 this bill by altering the foster care files to include those aged 18-22.

9 A. This bill would assure housing and essentials to those aged out of the foster
10 care system until the maximum age of 22 and/or until they are able to
11 provide for themselves.

12 B. The Department of Health and Human services will obtain the funding to
13 build apartment complexes for those who have aged out.

14 C. The apartments will be set like dorm rooms in college (two to a room), and
15 include two desks, two wardrobes, two beds, and a bathroom with a toilet,
16 sink, and shower. There will be a community kitchen for all to use.

17 D. The residents would be required to have a job, go to school, and/or have
18 some way to support themselves financially.

19 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect in May of 2021.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 16.

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A Bill to Increase the Number of Immigration Judges to Counteract Backlog

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) will lead a review on
3 the backlog in the immigration court system. Then the EOIR will identify
4 the areas of problem and notify the Attorney General. The Attorney
5 General will then appoint as many immigration judges, as he sees fit, to
6 those areas.

7 **SECTION 2.** “Review” is defined as a formal assessment. “Identify” is defined as
8 observe and establish. Notify is defined as to inform.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall see to the enforcement of this bill.

10 A. An increase of \$75 million in the EOIR budget shall be appropriated
11 for the appointment of more immigration judges.

12 B. The Attorney General may intervene if he feels the funds have been
13 used incorrectly.

14 C. The Department of Justice may intervene only if it decides the
15 Attorney General cannot fulfill the requirements of the bill.

16 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect January 1, 2021.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 11.



A Bill to Ban Charging Minors as Adults Except in Cases of Physical Harm

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

2 **SECTION 1.** To reduce the likelihood of repeat offenses by juveniles, anyone under
3 the age of 18 shall not be charged as an adult unless the crime
4 committed has caused physical harm to one or more victims.

5 **SECTION 2.** Physical harm is defined as assault, rape, or murder.

6 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will be enforced by the Department of Justice.

7 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 31, 2020.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 9.



A Bill to Require all Public Schools to have a Licensed and Trained School Marshall on Campus with a Firearm

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All public school campuses shall have a licensed and trained school
3 marshall on campus who bears a firearm for protection of that campus.

4 **SECTION 2.** This individual shall have gone through active shooter training, an
5 extensive background check and must have completed the coursework
6 required to obtain a concealed handgun license.

7 **SECTION 3.** The U.S Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Department of
8 Education will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

9 **SECTION 4.** This law shall go into effect the following academic school year.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 14.



A Bill to Provide Free Tuition and Fees to All Students of Higher Education within the United States

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All tuition and fees at federally accredited institutions of higher education
3 within the United States will be provided free of charge to US citizens.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Free of charge” will mean that the student will be liable for no financial
5 obligations including tuition, fees, room and board. “Institutions of
6 Higher Education” will refer to standard and established colleges and
7 universities that culminate in a bachelor’s degree. “Federally accredited”
8 is defined as accreditation accepted by the U.S. Department of Education.

9 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Education will oversee and enforce this program.

10 A. Funding will be provided by the U.S. Congress.

11 B. Any newly created institutions must be approved to the program by
12 the U.S. Department of Education.

13 C. All previous federal funding of higher education will cease to exist.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect in the school year after its signing.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 17.



A Bill to Enact The Heartbeat Act of 2020

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All abortions that occur after the detection of a heartbeat are hereby
3 prohibited. Medical professionals that carry out terminations of pregnancies
4 shall be referred to the Department of Justice. Violation of Section One is a Class
5 A Felony. The Department of Justice will be responsible in formulating the
6 elements to the respective crime.

7 **SECTION 2.** "All Abortions" shall be defined as, medical termination of pregnancies to
8 include rape and incest but exemption to this exists when there is a threat to
9 the mother's life.

10 "Detection of a Heartbeat" shall be defined as, the 5 ½ week to 6-week period
11 after gestation in which a heartbeat can be detected.

12 "Medical Professional" shall be defined as, any individual that is responsible for
13 carrying out the act of abortion.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will be responsible for the enforcement of this
15 legislation. All necessary funds required to carry out the enforcement of this
16 legislation will come from the annual budget of the Department of Justice. The
17 Department of Health and Human Services will assist Department of Justice
18 Investigators in all investigations and prosecutions as a result of this legislation's
19 enactment.

20 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect January 31st, 2020 upon the passage of this legislation.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 19.



A Resolution to Sanction Morocco to Protect the Sahrawi

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Morocco occupies the disputed territory of Western Sahara; and
2 **WHEREAS,** Morocco has continued to violate the terms of a ceasefire brokered with
3 the native Sahrawi people of the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic; and
4 **WHEREAS,** The independence referendum created under the terms of UNSCR 690
5 has been stalled indefinitely by Moroccan occupation; and
6 **WHEREAS,** Moroccan forces in Western Sahara continues to repress dissent against
7 their regime, detaining and imprisoning activists without fair trial; now,
8 therefore, be it
9 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that The United States should impose
10 targeted economic sanctions on Moroccan companies that operate in
11 Western Sahara; and, be it
12 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the United States should encourage other countries to join its
13 efforts to increase pressure on Morocco to comply with the terms of the
14 ceasefire.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 4.



A Resolution to Disband NASA and Use the Funding for Grants for Private Entities

1 **WHEREAS,** The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is splitting
2 allocated funds up among multiple goals, including only \$774 million
3 going to new technology every year; and

4 **WHEREAS,** 75% of the worldwide space enterprise is already privately owned; and

5 **WHEREAS,** The United States federal government has spent \$7.2 billion on private
6 space corporations since 2000; and

7 **WHEREAS,** Private companies are pushing space exploration farther with
8 technologies like reusable rockets; now, therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
10 recommendation for the disbanding of NASA; and, be it

11 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That all funds for NASA be used to fund grants for private entities
12 in space exploration.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 10.