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A Bill to Provide Emergency Patent Waivers for Life-Saving Drugs

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government will waive patents on life-saving
3 medication or vaccinations during a public health emergency.

4 **SECTION 2.** Life-saving drugs are drugs that can prevent complications, save or sustain a
5 person's life, or require immediate administration to prevent critical
6 conditions. A public health crisis, according to the World Health
7 Organization, is a natural or manmade event or threat that could harm a
8 large number of people.

9 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will
10 oversee the operations of waiving patents during public health emergencies.

11 A. A week after the public health emergency is declared, pharmaceutical
12 manufacturers will be subsidized \$600 million to mass launch
13 production of critical drugs to end the public health emergency.

14 B. Pharmaceutical companies who refuse will be financially penalized 10%
15 of their gross revenue for the previous financial year. Continuous refusal
16 to waive patents can trigger a company shut down without due process
17 or compensation.

18 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect on January 1st, 2026.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate Princeton High School.

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Mandatory Therapy for Foster Youth

- 1 **WHEREAS,** In contrast with the 10%-15% of mental health problems of the
2 general youth population, an average 40% of foster children have a
3 mental health related issue; up to 65% face traumatic events
4 including abuse, neglect, domestic violence or/and sexual violence;
5 and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** 91% of states are not providing enough support to foster infant
7 mental health problems; it is legally incumbent upon the states to
8 provide healthcare to its wards; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Up to 35% of foster care youth demonstrate behavioral issues that
10 need mediation. Foster care children experience school displacement
11 at twice the rate of natal families and up to 18% face homelessness
12 when they turn 18; and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** It is unsustainable for 70% of 400,000 children within the American
14 foster care system to not receive mental health support when its
15 negligence results in debilitating social and economic problems; now,
16 therefore, be it
- 17 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled makes the following
18 recommendation for mandatory monthly therapy sessions for
19 children inside the foster care system until age 18.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Forney High School.

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A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Politician Age Caps

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

2 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the 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
7 the Congress:

8 **ARTICLE-- 2 SECTION 1 CLAUSE 5**

9 **SECTION 1:** A requirement for all politicians including president, vice president,
10 members of the cabinet, congress, house of representatives, supreme
11 courts, and all lower courts all employees of the legislative, judicial
12 and executive houses as well as including mayors and governors must
13 not exceed or turn the age of 65 when running for election or re-
14 election. If a politician turns 65 in office and would like to protest
15 against resignation then there is a requirement to take and pass with
16 80% or higher the federal cognitive test. if not passed they must
17 resign.

18 **SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
19 legislation.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by North Forney High School.

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A Bill to Ensure Adequate Nurse Staffing

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 201 et seq.) is amended to establish direct
3 care registered nurse-to-patient staffing ratio requirements, and a nursing program
4 grant of \$225 million shall be established.

5 **SECTION 2.** A sustainable direct care registered nurse-patient ratio as outlined in the
6 subsections below shall be required.

7 A. 1-to-1 in operating rooms

8 B. 1-to-2 in intensive care, labor and delivery, and ICU patients in the ER

9 C. 1-to-3 in step down

10 D. 1-to-4 in emergency rooms, antepartum, and telemetry units

11 E. 1-to-5 in medical-surgical units

12 F. 1-to-6 in postpartum (women only) and psychiatry units

13 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) shall oversee
14 the enforcement of this legislation.

15 A. HHS shall be able to enforce administrative fines of up to \$75,000 under non-
16 compliance with this legislation.

17 **SECTION 4.** Effective Dates:

18 A. The requirements under section 2 shall take effect 2 years after the date of the
19 enactment of this title and in the case of a hospital in a rural area (as defined in
20 section 1886(d)(2)(D) of the Social Security Act), 4 years after the enactment of
21 this legislation.

22 B. The nursing program grant shall take effect 6 months upon enactment of this
23 legislation.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Plano East Senior High School.

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A Resolution to Privatize the Federal Aviation Administration to Reduce Federal Burden and Improve Efficiency

1 **WHEREAS,** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is an federal agency
2 tasked with the administration and regulation of civil aviation, as well
3 as Air-Traffic Control across the country’s airports; and

4 **WHEREAS,** The United States’ air-control is heavily reliant on outdated
5 technology from the Early Cold War, and attempts to fix issues have
6 been overrun with overspending and inefficiency.

7 **WHEREAS,** There have been many near miss incidents at American Airports,
8 where miscommunication due to outdated technology have led to
9 airplanes being close to collision during ascent and descent; and

10 **WHEREAS,** Many European countries and Canada have already relinquished
11 control of Air Control to private entities with success; now, therefore,
12 be it

13 **RESOLVED,** The Federal Aviation Administration shall be reorganized into 2
14 different organizations, the first being NAV America, which shall be a
15 not for profit organization that will take the responsibility of
16 managing the civil air navigation system; and, be it

17 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the rest of the FAA shall be reorganized into the
18 Federal Aviation Regulatory Authority, which shall be tasked with
19 maintaining the FAA’s previous regulatory authorities, and ensuring
20 that NAV America remains in compliance with established rules.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Prosper High School.

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A Bill to Ban Solitary Confinement to Promote Mental Health in All Institutions

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Solitary confinement will be removed from all institutions that
3 practice it in The United States.

4 **SECTION 2.** Solitary confinement is defined as the state of being kept isolated in a
5 designated space away from others, in which a person remains alone
6 with little or no contact with other people.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will oversee the removal of Solitary
8 Confinement from all public and private institutions that practice it.

9 A. The Department of Justice will investigate and file lawsuits or
10 enforce civil rights laws against institutions that practice solitary
11 confinement after January 1, 2025.

12 B. All institutions that practice solitary confinement prior to the bill's
13 effective date will report to the Department of Justice to be
14 thoroughly investigated.

15 C. The Department of Justice will fund and renovate the rooms used
16 for solitary confinement into counseling rooms.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by North Forney.

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A Bill Requiring a Valid I.D. at All Government Elections

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

2 **SECTION 1.** To ensure ballot integrity, all government elections throughout the
3 United States at the state and federal level will require a valid I.D. for
4 citizens to vote.

5 **SECTION 2.** Valid I.D. includes State Issued Driver License, State Election
6 Identification Certificate, State Handgun License, United States
7 Military Photo Identification Card, United States Citizenship Photo
8 Certificate, United States Passport; citizen is defined as a documented
9 naturalized person with residence.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Commision will oversee and enforce this bill.
11 A. Whether they be mail-in, online, or in-person, all elections will
12 require citizens to show a valid form of I.D. in order to vote.
13 B. Voters will be required to present I.D. to an election worker at the
14 time of voting, or confirmed with a photo and matching signature
15 for mail-ins.
16 C. Election workers will take oaths of security to ensure compliance.

17 **SECTION 4.** Implementation of this bill will take place on Jan. 1, 2025.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Forney High School.

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A Resolution to Limit Property Purchases to Reduce Rent Prices

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Throughout the United States rent prices have gone up significantly
2 over the past decade; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Over half of the renters are unable to pay rent without exceeding the
4 recommended 30% mark according to Harvard's Joint Center for
5 Housing Studies, which leads to low-income individuals being unable
6 to afford rent and other necessities; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** High rent prices are caused primarily by private equity firms that are
8 but not limited to Blackrock, and Blackstone and their monopoly on
9 the market; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** These private equity firms make the conditions of renting worse as
11 well as increasing rent prices; now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled to make the following
13 recommendation for fixing rent prices; and be it that investment
14 companies' purchasing power and amount are limited.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Rock Hill High School.

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A Bill to End Harvesting of Fossil Fuels Near Large Urban Areas

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In the interest of citizen safety and environmental protection, the
3 federal government will work to move fossil fuel mining and other
4 mineral harvesting operations away from large urban areas.

5 **SECTION 2.** Large urban areas will be defined as population centers with a
6 residency of over 250,000 people. Fossil fuel mining and mineral
7 harvesting will be defined as any large-scale extraction of natural
8 resources such as petroleum, natural gas, and various minerals.

9 **SECTION 3.** Implementation will be overseen by the U.S. Department of Energy.

10 A. The Energy Department will work with any infringing fossil fuel
11 organizations to move all extracting operations a minimum of 75
12 miles away from the city center by the set deadline.

13 B. Tax incentives will be offered to move operations sooner than
14 scheduled.

15 C. Fines will be imposed if companies are noncompliant with the bill.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the beginning of the year 2026.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Forney High School.

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A Bill to Prohibit Ghost Guns

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The ATF shall collect data to report the availability of ghost guns, and
3 prohibit the future manufacture, sale, transfer, purchase, and
4 possession of any ghost gun.

5 **SECTION 2.**

6 A. "Ghost guns" shall be defined as unfinished frames and receivers,
7 gun-building kits, or any combination of parts that be assembled
8 into a firearm that lack a serial number.

9 B. The ATF definition of "Firearms" shall be revised to include ghost
10 guns such that existing firearm regulations apply to ghost guns.

11 C. Reporting on the availability of ghost guns will entail systematic
12 tracking of firearms recovered by law enforcement.

13 **SECTION 3.** Law enforcement agencies across the US will work with the Bureau of
14 Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) to oversee the
15 implementation of this legislation. They will coordinate the
16 publication of annual reports detailing the availability of ghost guns.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in FY 2025.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Plano West High School.

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