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## A Resolution to Support Third Party Candidates to Break Two-Party Political Gridlock

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   Third party candidates are at a substantial disadvantage in state and  
2                   federal elections; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**   Despite the fact that 40% of voters identify as independent, independent  
4                   party candidates rarely win elections; and
- 5   **WHEREAS,**   A significant amount of U.S. citizens are not being represented by the  
6                   current two party system; and
- 7   **WHEREAS,**   Policies that affect the population are becoming increasingly partisan;  
8                   and
- 9   **WHEREAS,**   Filing requirements are variable and create barriers for independent  
10                  candidates; now, therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,**   That the UIL Congress here assembled recommend increased funding for  
12                  advertising campaigns for independent candidates, a national  
13                  standardization of requirements to run for public office, and an  
14                  elimination of filing fees; and, be it
- 15 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the 15% popular vote requirement to enter national debates  
16                  be eliminated.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Big Spring High School.*



## **A Bill to Incentivize States to Follow CDC Guidelines During a Declared Healthcare Emergency with COVID-19 Relief Funding**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress will use its enumerated powers to incentivize states to enforce  
3 Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommended guidelines with federal  
4 funds. Federal funds will be allocated towards states if they meet certain  
5 requirements.

6 **SECTION 2.** The following requirements must be met in order to receive funding:

7 A. States must enact CDC recommended guidelines as related to the  
8 control of a Pandemic Healthcare Emergency

9 B. States must enact CDC recommended guidelines as related to the  
10 control of a Pandemic Healthcare Emergency

11 a. Mask mandates

12 b. Social distancing

13 c. School closures

14 d. Public vaccination requirements

15 **SECTION 3.** Federal funds must go towards the following:

16 A. Improving sanitation, disease spread control and testing.

17 B. Providing aid to people in need of health interventions.

18 C. Economic relief for those impacted by pandemic interventions.

19 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented January 31, 2022.

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

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## **A Bill to Federalize CPS to Protect Children to Expand to Verbal Abuse and Neglect**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Child Protective Services (CPS) will be federalized and extend child  
3 removal power to include verbal abuse.

4 **SECTION 2.** Verbal abuse is the use of words to demean or control someone. Neglect  
5 is failing to care properly.

6 **SECTION 3.** The bill will create a Federal Child Protective Services Agency within the  
7 Department of Health & Human Services (FCPS).

8 A. The newfound FCPS will work in tandem with state and local agencies  
9 to provide relief & assistance.

10 B. Funding will be through normal means.

11 **SECTION 4.** Legislation will be enacted immediately with the agency becoming active  
12 effective June 1, 2022.

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

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



## A Resolution to Mandate Insurance Companies to Cover Mental Health Services

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Mental health Services are either unaffordable or unreachable for a  
2 majority of U.S. workers; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** 55.1 Million Americans, or 1 out of every 5 individuals, struggle with  
4 mental health issues that insurance currently does not cover; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Mental health issues spill over into all aspects of society and generally  
6 shape societal norms and health; now, therefore, be it
- 7 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following  
8 recommendation mandating that private insurance companies fully cover  
9 counseling, medicine, and all other treatments aimed to better increase  
10 mental health.

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



## A Resolution to Expand Public Transportation to Alleviate Unemployment

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Unemployment becomes increasingly concerning amidst a global  
2 pandemic; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Over 8 million people are unemployed in the United States; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Hundreds of businesses struggle to find employees; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Less than a third of people in metropolises can reach their job through  
6 public transport within 90 minutes; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Public transport employs over 13 million people; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Increasing public transport would create thousands more jobs; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Increasing public transport will allow the unemployed workforce more  
10 employment opportunities; now, therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** By the UIL Congress here assembled that each of the 50 states  
12 substantially increase either rail, subway, or bus infrastructure after  
13 increasing fuel taxes; and, be it
- 14 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this investment be focused in connecting residential areas  
15 that currently lack public transport with areas that are rich with  
16 businesses.

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



## **A Bill to Increase Use of Renewable Energy in Bitcoin Mining to Reduce Energy Use Pollution**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Bitcoin mining in the United States shall adhere to 80% use of renewable  
3 energy to support energy needs of mining.

4 **SECTION 2.** Renewable energy is defined as energy that is generated from natural  
5 processes that are continually replenished. Bitcoin is defined as the  
6 processing of transactions in the digital currency system.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) along with the Environmental  
8 Protection Agency (EPA) will enforce the legislation.

9 A. The EPA will monitor the renewable energy levels of Bitcoin mines  
10 and relay the information to the IRS.

11 B. The IRS will implement a 15% tax increases for one calendar year, for  
12 each instance of nonrenewable energy usage exceeds 20%.

13 **SECTION 4.** Bill will take effect upon passage.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Big Spring High School.*



## **A Resolution to Urge States to Include Child Development and Trauma Training to their Minimum Licensing Requirements**

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Police currently do not undergo extensive training on the handling of  
2 children or teenagers; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Children go into police interviews feeling as if they are being interrogated  
4 as victims or witnesses; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Officers are directly responsible for working with at-risk youth with no  
6 training in adolescent behavior; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Trauma informed practices will teach police how to recognize,  
8 understand, and properly respond to effects of trauma in children; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** With COVID-19 the Children’s Advocacy Centers are more backed up than  
10 ever with it taking up to 3 months to get in for an interview that will be  
11 sent to police; and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** If police were equipped to handle children and teenagers, this time could  
13 drastically decrease and speed up the interview and trial process; now,  
14 therefore, be it
- 15 **RESOLVED,** By the UIL Congress here assembled that states include child  
16 development and trauma training to minimum licensing requirements;  
17 and, be it
- 18 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That states who do agree to include this advanced training will be  
19 funded by reallocation from the Department of Defense budget.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Midland Legacy High School.*





## A Bill to Increase State Authority to Decrease the Spread of Covid-19

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government shall require no federal mandates  
3 regarding Covid-19 mitigation. Individual states will be responsible for  
4 mitigation efforts.

5 **SECTION 2.** Covid-19 mitigation includes vaccination, masks, and distancing  
6 guidelines.

7 **SECTION 3.** State governors shall have final consideration measures in their states.

8 **SECTION 4.** State mitigation laws will become effective immediately upon passage of  
9 this bill.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Big Spring High School.*



## **A Resolution to Restructure Police Departments and Officer Training Programs to Better Protect and Provide for Citizens**

1 **WHEREAS,** Current law enforcement agencies are under scrutiny regarding systemic  
2 racism and their outdated methods inhibiting their ability to provide for  
3 the peace and safety of all citizens; and

4 **WHEREAS,** Restructuring police departments to better meet the needs of the citizens  
5 will create a more peaceful society. New training policies will also help  
6 educate police officers, both current and future, and ensure more highly  
7 skilled professionals enter law enforcement; and

8 **WHEREAS,** The current system is steeped in systemic racism. Mass demonstrations  
9 and protests throughout the last two years have highlighted this issue. A  
10 lack of trust has developed on both sides; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following  
12 recommendation for a nationwide restructuring of police departments;  
13 and, be it

14 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** that more inclusive training curriculum shall be mandated.

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



## A Resolution to Become Energy Independent by Creating More Sustainable Practices

1 **WHEREAS,** The United States employs non-sustainable energy practices, which result  
2 in a dependency on the natural resources of other countries to meet  
3 energy needs; and

4 **WHEREAS,** The United States must evaluate current practices, such as drilling and  
5 production of fossil fuels, to determine how safer and more sustainable  
6 methods could be applied. Renewable practices, such as wind and solar  
7 energy, could be further researched and used more efficiently, thereby  
8 decreasing our country's dependence on foreign resources; and

9 **WHEREAS,** The United States currently is not using renewable energy production  
10 effectively, and is relying on oil and gas production to meet our energy  
11 demands. Current oil and gas production practices are detrimental to the  
12 environment and deplete land and water resources; now, therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following  
14 recommendation to become more energy independent by expanding  
15 green methods; and, be it

16 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the United States move towards more sustainable  
17 production

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

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## **A Resolution to Extend Eviction Moratoriums to Prevent Widespread Homelessness**

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Over 8 million Americans are facing losing their homes due to the  
2 economic shockwave of Covid 19; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Current federal eviction moratoriums have expired with the economy still  
4 recovering and workers behind on bills; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Homelessness is a self-perpetuating cycle of poverty with virtually no  
6 avenues for escape; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Landlords have increased rent prices across the nation with worker pay  
8 remaining steady or decreasing; now, therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following  
10 recommendation for extending the eviction moratorium for at least five  
11 calendar years as of passing the resolution.

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



## **A Resolution to Reform the Judicial System from Retribution to Rehabilitation**

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States houses 2.3 million incarcerated individuals; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** This number is 22% of the world's total prison population with the
- 3 incarcerated stacked inside prisons focused on retribution; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Retributive justice perpetuates the incarceration problem with a 76.6%
- 5 recidivism rate and acts as a form of structural violence after release with
- 6 released individuals not able to engage in democracy or effectively
- 7 engage with society; now, therefore, be it
- 8 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
- 9 recommendation for switching the justice paradigm of the United States
- 10 judicial system from retribution to that of rehabilitation.

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



## A Resolution to Remove Cigarette Butts to Decrease Pollution

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   The biggest man-made contaminant of the world’s oceans is not plastic straws,  
2                   or even plastic bags, but cigarette butts; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**   98 percent of cigarette filters are made of plastic fibers (cellulose acetate) that  
4                   are tightly packed together, which leads to an estimated 1.69 billion pounds of  
5                   cigarette butts winding up as toxic trash each year; and
- 6   **WHEREAS,**   Of the 5.6 trillion cigarettes that are made with these filters each year, as  
7                   many as two-thirds are dumped irresponsibly; and
- 8   **WHEREAS,**   The trillions of cigarette butts generated each year throughout the world pose a  
9                   significant challenge for disposal regulations, primarily because there are  
10                  millions of points of disposal, along with the necessity to segregate, collect and  
11                  dispose of the butts in a safe manner, and cigarette butts are toxic, hazardous  
12                  waste; now, therefore be it
- 13   **RESOLVED,**   That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following recommendation: a  
14                  ban on further production of cigarettes with filters in the United States.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Big Spring High School.*



## A Bill to Allocate Funding to Improve U.S. Infrastructure

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal government of the United States of America will administer  
3 \$1 trillion in funding over the next 6 years to address and correct  
4 outdated and inefficient infrastructure investments.

5 **SECTION 2.** Priority for the investment funding is as follows:

6 A. Energy efficient infrastructure.

7 B. Transportation infrastructure.

8 C. Public water and sewage infrastructure.

9 D. Renewable energy infrastructure.

10 E. Upkeep of ecological infrastructure.

11 F. Funding for local infrastructure projects and developments.

12 G. Additional infrastructure needs.

13 **SECTION 3.** The United States Departments of Commerce, Transportation, Energy,  
14 Interior, and the Environmental Protection Agency will oversee said  
15 projections depending on specific jurisdictions and areas of expertise.

16 A. Funding will be through normal means.

17 B. A goal of 2 percent of the annual GDP investment in infrastructure  
18 spending from all sources will be set going beyond 2028.

19 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented January 31, 2022.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Midland Legacy High School.*



## A Resolution to Urge Pharmaceutical Companies to Self-Regulate Pricing of Drugs in the United States

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   Pharmaceutical companies have no clear method for establishing the  
2                   price of prescription drugs; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**   The price of the same drug seems to vary wildly depending on the point  
4                   of distribution around the globe; and
- 5   **WHEREAS,**   Prescription drugs such as Insulin, Lisinopril, Humira, Stelara, Enbrel, and  
6                   other high cost life-saving drugs are not items that should be luxuries  
7                   available only to the wealthy; and
- 8   **WHEREAS,**   The citizens of the United States should not bear the full and complete  
9                   burden of recouping the research and development costs of these drugs;  
10                  and
- 11 **WHEREAS,**   Global price controls in other countries have been effective in keeping  
12                  costs within the reach of the average household without a marked  
13                  decrease in research and development; and
- 14 **WHEREAS,**   Pharmaceutical companies remain one of the most profitable sectors in  
15                  the world economies for investors; now, therefore, be it
- 16 **RESOLVED,**   By the UIL congress here assembled that pharmaceutical companies be  
17                  urged to self-regulate and reign in the costs to United States consumers  
18                  of their products to within 10% of the average international market (AIM)  
19                  price; and, be it
- 20 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the UIL congress put those companies on notice, that if they  
21                  choose to continue to take unfair advantage of the prescription drug  
22                  markets in the United States there will be future legislative action to  
23                  curtail such behavior and protect our citizens from abusive, monopolistic,  
24                  market violations.

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## **A Bill to Repatriate Foreign Terrorist Fighters to Prevent Further Unrest**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government will ensure that any Foreign  
3 Terrorist Fighters (FTFs) are guaranteed repatriation.

4 **SECTION 2.** A FTF is defined as any U.S. citizen who travels to a state other than the  
5 United States to participate in, aide, or plan a war.

6 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will implement and enforce  
7 this bill by granting repatriation requests by FTFs.

8 A. The United States Department of Justice will be responsible for  
9 prosecution of respective crimes committed by FTFs.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

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



## A Bill to Mandate Animal Distancing in Farms to Reduce Unethical Farming Conditions

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Animals in farms be given one foot of space per 6 inches of animal  
3 lengthwise.

4 **SECTION 2.** Farms are defined as an area of land and its buildings used for growing  
5 crops and rearing animals, typically under the control of one owner or  
6 manager.

7 **SECTION 3.** Oversight will be done through the Department of Agriculture

8 A. Farms will have one calendar year from passage of the bill to meet  
9 compliance standards

10 B. Farms not meeting the bill will be fined \$100,000 per animal in the  
11 general area of captivity.

12 **SECTION 4.** Bill will become law upon passage with companies and farms having one  
13 calendar year before implementation of fines.

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

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



## **A Resolution to Create a Work Program among Welfare Recipients to Increase Employability and Morale of Unemployed Americans**

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Welfare recipients need more opportunities for work; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** Opportunities for work could be provided through subsidized positions in the  
3 private sector, as well as in public service works; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Welfare recipients will be further enabled to contribute to society by gaining  
5 employable skills and experience, and will begin working towards financial  
6 independence; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** A work program would decrease the negative stigma surrounding those on  
8 welfare, which is essential to improve the morale of the recipients; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** The gaining of employable skills and experience by welfare recipients would help  
10 create a positive contribution to our society as well as positively impacting the  
11 lives of those on government assistance and their families; now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled promote the idea of a work program  
13 among welfare recipients.

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



## A Resolution to Create Universal Gun Ownership Age Requirements

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   The United States federal government shall hereby require that each  
2                   individual state reduce the legal age to 16 years of age for purchasing,  
3                   owning and/or possessing a firearm; and
- 4   **WHEREAS,**   Owning shall be defined as having the firearm registered under your  
5                   name and in your possession or stored on one’s personal property; and
- 6   **WHEREAS,**   Firearms shall be described and defined as a factory model unaltered  
7                   semi-automatic and single shot low caliber rifles and shotguns with no  
8                   firepower or performance enhancing modifications not including  
9                   handguns; and
- 10   **WHEREAS,**   Creating a universal age restriction/requirement among all states will  
11                  promote transparency; improving vetting, assessment, regulation,  
12                  mentoring, and supervisory administration; and
- 13   **WHEREAS,**   All states in the U.S. must provide six hours of mandatory hands-on  
14                  firearm safety classes and all states in the U.S. will have the option to  
15                  allow 16-year-olds to undergo multiple classes to own a low caliber  
16                  hunting rifle or shotgun, in addition to two 3-hour workshops (for a total  
17                  of 6 hours) and one 2-hour hands-on instructional class with a mandatory  
18                  final exam to complete the firearm safety class; now, therefore; be it
- 19   **RESOLVED,**   By the UIL Congress here assembled that universal gun ownership age  
20                  requirements in the U.S. will be instituted; and, be it
- 21   **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That all laws in conflict shall become null and void upon passage.

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



## **A Bill to Ban the Use of Polygraphs in Courts to Help Eliminate the Chances of Unreliable Science Influencing the Jury**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Polygraphs will no longer be admissible as evidence in criminal court  
3 cases in the U.S. seeing as it is an unreliable source of information.

4 **SECTION 2.** A polygraph test is a tool used to conduct physiological exams that  
5 indicate changes in heart rate, respiration, skin conductivity, and more as  
6 a person answers questions.

7 **SECTION 3.** To ensure the enforcement of this bill, it will be overseen by the  
8 Department of Justice

9 A. Funding will be through normal means.

10 B. Judges that allow violations of this legislation in their courts will be  
11 subject to the penalties of contempt of court.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented January 31, 2022.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Midland Legacy High School.*