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## **A Bill to Implement the Use of Green Concrete to Reduce Our Carbon Footprint**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government will use green concrete in all  
3 construction in substitute for concrete. With the recent discussions over  
4 infrastructure, it is important for us to understand the downsides of  
5 construction. Each year, more than 4 billion metric tons of cement  
6 are produced, accounting for around 8% of global CO2 emissions.

7 **SECTION 2.** Green concrete is a form of eco-friendly concrete that is manufactured  
8 using waste or residual materials from different industries and requires  
9 less amount of energy for production.

10 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Transportation will oversee  
11 implementation of this legislation.

12 A. The United States Department of Transportation will use green  
13 concrete in all further construction projects.

14 B. The United States Department of Commerce will sanction the use of  
15 concrete for construction purposes.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

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



# A Bill to Minimize the Illegal Immigration Across the Southern Border of the United States of America

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall increase patrol of the southern border to the  
3 United States in order to reduce illegal immigration by providing  
4 manned security stations between the current U.S. Border  
5 checkpoints.

6 **SECTION 2.** Manned security stations shall be defined as stations where two teams  
7 of two U.S. Border Patrol officers patrol the radius of approximately 50  
8 miles around the border stations.

9 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Border Patrol will oversee the enforcement of the bill along  
10 the southern border. The Department of Homeland Security shall  
11 provide the funding necessary to implement these stations and pay  
12 U.S. Border Patrol personnel.

13 **SECTION 4.** The bill will go into effect at the beginning of the 2022 fiscal year.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional debate by Orange Grove High School.*



## A Bill to Raise the Voting Age to 21

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The voting age will be raised from 18 to 21 in all presidential elections.

3 **SECTION 2.** Any person at the age 21 on or before Election Day may register and  
4 obtain a federal voter registration card. As a registered voter, they may  
5 vote by absentee or in person at their assigned polling place.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Commission will oversee the enforcement of this  
7 bill, local election officials must maintain accurate records of eligible and  
8 registered voters.

9 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be fully enforced by March 2023.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Three Rivers High School.*



## A Bill to Increase Tax Credits for Middle-Class Housing Development

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill would create a new Middle-Class Housing Tax Credit program  
3 worth \$110 billion per year to encourage the building of affordable  
4 housing developments for middle-class individuals. This new program  
5 would be modeled after the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit and keeps  
6 the same incentives for housing development.

7 **SECTION 2.** Middle class is classified as anyone between the 40<sup>th</sup> and 70<sup>th</sup> percentile  
8 of income. Affordable housing is defined as the combined expense of  
9 housing and utilities not costing more than 30% of the resident's gross  
10 income. The Low-Income Housing Tax Credit was created through the  
11 1986 Tax Reform Act and encourages development of dwellings for low-  
12 and moderate-income tenets through tax credits for developers. Area  
13 Median Income (AMI) is the midpoint of the measured region's income  
14 distribution.

15 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development will oversee the  
16 allocation of funds to state housing authorities.

17 A. State housing authorities are responsible for the disbursement of  
18 funds to appropriate housing and development projects

19 **SECTION 4.** This program would go into effect in FY 2022.

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

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

*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 Resolution to Move the United States Towards a More Plant-Based Diet

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States is one of the largest greenhouse gas emitters in the  
2 world; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Animal agriculture is responsible for over 6,500 Metric Tons of carbon  
4 dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>); and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The livestock sector produces methane that has an effect that is 28 times  
6 that of CO<sub>2</sub>; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The livestock sector produces nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O) that has an effect 265  
8 times higher than CO<sub>2</sub>; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Animal agriculture also contributes to water pollution; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** Pescatarian, vegetarian, and vegan diets are becoming more feasible and  
11 popular; now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following  
13 recommendation for the United States to move towards a more plant-  
14 based diet by giving the animal agriculture industry a chance to move  
15 towards growing vegetables; and, be it
- 16 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That there will be a 10 cent tax for every pound of meat sold from  
17 animal agriculture companies.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by W.B. Ray.*



## A Bill to Restrict the U.S. Government from Shutting Down Agricultural Production

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Regardless of the situation, the government will not enact any measure  
3 to stop or decrease agricultural production.

4 **SECTION 2.** Agricultural production includes the following: feed mills and distribution,  
5 poultry production and distribution, livestock production and  
6 distribution, crop production and distribution, dairy production and  
7 distribution.

8 **SECTION 3.** The USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) will oversee  
9 enforcing and overseeing this bill and ensuring the stability of the  
10 agriculture industry.

11 A. This bill ensures agricultural production even during a pandemic or  
12 other natural or manmade disaster.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go 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 McMullen County High School.*



## A Resolution for the United States to Boycott the 2022 FIFA World Cup

1 **WHEREAS,** More than 6,500 migrant workers from India, Pakistan, Nepal,  
2 Bangladesh and Sri Lanka have died in Qatar since it won the right to host  
3 the World Cup 11 years ago; and

4 **WHEREAS,** There is evidence of conditions of forced labor, underpaying workers,  
5 denial of access to water in the sweltering heat, many workers receiving  
6 threats and having their passports confiscated; and

7 **WHEREAS,** Qatar has other significant human rights abuses including restrictions on  
8 freedom of expression and peaceful assembly, criminalization of  
9 homosexuality, and many restrictions on women's lives; now, therefore,  
10 be it

11 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following  
12 recommendation for solution to boycott the 2022 FIFA World Cup to  
13 make a statement regarding human rights abuses in Qatar.

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





## A Resolution to Ban Advertisements for Addictive Substances

1 **WHEREAS,** Companies across the United States spend \$25 billion every year on  
2 advertisements for tobacco products such as vape pens and cigarettes,  
3 and alcohol products; and

4 **WHEREAS,** Tobacco companies have historically targeted advertising to women,  
5 people of color and young adults; and

6 **WHEREAS,** The Center on Alcohol Marketing and Youth found that underage  
7 drinkers were 96% more likely to see an ad for a specific alcoholic  
8 beverage than they were to see on discouraging underage drinking; and

9 **WHEREAS,** The Tobacco Control Act puts in place specific restrictions on marketing  
10 tobacco products to children and give the Food and Drug Administration  
11 the authority to take further action in the future to protect public health;  
12 now, therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled that advertisements for addictive  
14 substances be banned from television, print and radio; and, be it

15 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That “addictive substances” shall include but not limited to  
16 alcohol, nicotine and prescription related drugs.

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



## A Bill to Designate Election Day as a Federal Holiday to Promote Democracy

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Election Day will be designated and recognized as a United States federal  
3 holiday.

4 **SECTION 2.** Election Day shall be defined as the day the federal government sets for  
5 federal elections.

6 A federal holiday shall be defined as a calendar date recognized as a  
7 holiday by the United States federal government.

8 A. All non-essential federal government offices are closed.

9 B. Every federal government employee shall be paid for the day.

10 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be enacted by the United States Congress in joint  
11 cooperation with the Federal Election Commission.

12 A. Additionally, \$10 billion will be allocated to the Federal Election  
13 Commission in order to ensure the proper amount of voting stations  
14 throughout the country.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect two months upon passage.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by W. B. Ray.*



## A Bill to Reduce Intellectual Property Rights for Pharmaceuticals Products to Combat High Drug Prices

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government shall reduce Intellectual Property  
3 Rights in Pharmaceuticals to increase access to medicine.

4 **SECTION 2.**

5 A. Intellectual Property Rights shall be defined as the assignment of  
6 property rights through patents, copyrights, and trademarks. These  
7 property rights allow the holder to exercise a monopoly on the use of  
8 the item for a specified period.

9 B. Pharmaceutical products shall be defined as any product, compound,  
10 medicine or therapeutic which is subject to regulation as a drug,  
11 medicine or controlled substance by the United States Food and Drug  
12 Administration.

13 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office will work alongside The Food and  
14 Drug Administration to review current patents and restrict future patents  
15 for pharmaceuticals

16 A. U.S. Patent and Trademark Office will limit the number patents for  
17 medicine to 1 patent per drug, and lower the period of exclusivity to 3  
18 years max.

19 B. The FDA will determine what is and is not a pharmaceutical product,  
20 as well as withholding FDA approval for any product that refuses to  
21 abide with the U.S. Patents and Trademark Offices' Decision

22 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

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



## A Bill to Reform the United States Federal Prison System

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill shall increase funding to the United States Federal Bureau of  
3 Prisons by \$100 Million to help in the reformation of prisons by investing  
4 in better quality of life to rehabilitate inmates.

5 **SECTION 2.** Reformation is defined as making change in order to improve it. Quality  
6 of life is defined as the standard of health, comfort, and happiness  
7 experienced by an individual or group. Rehabilitation is the process of re-  
8 educating and retraining those who commit crimes in order to improve  
9 the transition of inmates from prison/jail to productive members of  
10 society.

11 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Treasury as well as the Bureau of  
12 Prisons will manage this operation.

13 A. Misuse of funds will result in a fine of \$100,000 and up to 5 years in  
14 prison.

15 **SECTION 4.** This law it to be implemented in the 2022 Fiscal Year.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Three Rivers High School.*



## **A Bill to Implement a Universal Basic Income to Promote Economic Growth and Prosperity**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. Congress will fund and implement a Universal Basic Income (UBI)  
3 for all Americans, providing \$1,000 per adult and \$300 per child each  
4 month.

5 **SECTION 2.** Universal Basic Income shall be defined as a government program which  
6 pays every adult citizen a set amount of money at a regular interval.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Treasury shall be tasked with implementation of this  
8 bill.

9 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect January 1, 2023.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by W.B. Ray High School.*



## A Resolution to Increase Funding for Asteroid Mining

- 1 **WHEREAS,** A relatively small metallic asteroid with a diameter of one mile contains  
2 more than \$20 trillion worth of industrial and precious metals); and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** S-type asteroids contain numerous metals including nickel,  
4 cobalt and more valuable metals such as gold, platinum, and rhodium;  
5 and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** The water locked in these asteroids should be enough to fill somewhere  
7 around 320,000 Olympic-size swimming pools; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Even a small 10-meter S-Type asteroid contains about 1,433,00 pounds of  
9 metal with over 100 being rare metals like platinum and gold; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** The asteroid 16 Psyche is believed to contain  $1.7 \times 10^{19}$  kg of nickel-  
11 iron, with and estimated worth at \$10,000 quadrillion; now, therefore, be  
12 it
- 13 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled that the National Aeronautic Space  
14 Agency (NASA) should increase its asteroid mining research and  
15 development by 10%.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate b Sinton High School.*



## A Bill to Mandate a Firearm Safety Course for First-Time Gun Owners

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The government shall require anyone who purchases a firearm for the  
3 first time to show proof of having completed a firearm safety course.

4 **SECTION 2.** This requirement would be for anyone who purchases a firearm for the  
5 first time. Any purchases made before this bill is enacted would be  
6 exempt from this requirement.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) would  
8 oversee this program.

9 A. The ATF will dictate the topics to be covered in the firearm safety  
10 course and oversee which private entities are qualified to deliver the  
11 course.

12 B. Every person who completes the course successfully can legally  
13 purchase a firearm (unless restricted by other standing legislation).

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect September 1, 2022.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by McMullen County High School.*



## A Bill to Make College Textbooks More Affordable

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill will decrease the price of student college textbooks in order to  
3 make the cost less burdensome to those who can't afford them. This bill  
4 will make sure every college student has access to high quality learning  
5 materials. With this bill in place textbook publishers and booksellers will  
6 be required to make no more than 30% profit margin on each new  
7 textbook.

8 **SECTION 2.** Textbook is defined as a book containing facts about a particular subject  
9 that is used by people studying that subject. Textbook publishers are  
10 defined as those who oversee the entire process of bringing books to  
11 market: author selection and development, manuscript editing,  
12 promotion, distribution and financial management. Bookseller is defined  
13 as a person or company that sells books.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee the implementation of this bill.

15 A. Any textbook manufacturer or seller found in violation of this bill will  
16 be fined an amount equal to the excess profit.

17 B. The fines collected will be dispersed by the Department of Education  
18 to disadvantaged and low-income students in programs like the Pell  
19 Grant and subsidized student loans.

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

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

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

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## A Resolution to Establish a Regulatory System to Minimize the Risks of Cryptocurrency Transactions

1 **WHEREAS,** Digital asset trading platforms are now a \$2 trillion industry meaning  
2 cryptocurrency businesses are getting big enough to have their problems  
3 spill over into the broader financial system; and

4 **WHEREAS,** there is confusion about cryptocurrencies classification by U.S. regulatory  
5 agencies and updates with former President Donald Trump's tax reform  
6 law; and

7 **WHEREAS,** As the availability and adoption of cryptocurrencies increases concerns  
8 regarding illicit actors utilizing this capability to move funds through the  
9 international arena have the potential to find their way into the  
10 legitimate international financial system through cryptocurrency  
11 exchange platforms and other laundering techniques; now, therefore be  
12 it

13 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following  
14 recommendation for solution to establish transparency regarding  
15 cryptocurrency by establishing a foundational regulatory system for  
16 cryptocurrency in the United States.

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



## The Student Mental Health Act of 2022

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill shall federally increase financial assistance, an additional \$300  
3 million, yearly for secondary schools to be used for mental health  
4 advisors, education, and outlets. For every two hundred and seventy-five  
5 (275) students there is to be at least one (1) mental health advisor or  
6 counselor.

7 **SECTION 2.** A mental health counselor, or advisor, is a person who works with  
8 individuals and groups to promote optimum mental and emotional  
9 health. Secondary Schools is defined as a school intermediate between  
10 elementary school and college and usually offering general, technical,  
11 vocational, or college-preparatory courses.

12 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of the Treasury and The United States  
13 Department of Education will oversee the actions of this legislation.

14 A. Misuse of finances will result in the individual(s) responsible being  
15 jailed for up to 5 years with a fine of \$1,000-250,000 depending on  
16 the severity.

17 **SECTION 4.** This law is to be implemented and budgeted into the 2022 Fiscal Year.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Three Rivers High School.*



## **A Resolution to Remove Current Sanctions from Zimbabwe to Promote Progression and Stability**

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States currently has multiple sanctions on Zimbabwe,  
2 including those individuals, companies and much more; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Zimbabwe has suffered economically from these sanctions allowing for  
4 the severe humanitarian crisis to persist; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** U.S. sanctions have a past of being ineffective and causing substantial  
6 harm to the people in affected nations; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Amid the Coronavirus pandemic, it is the moral responsibility of the  
8 United States to aid in stability of other foreign countries desperate for  
9 humanitarian aid; now, therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled lift all sanctions from the nation of  
11 Zimbabwe to advance their economic and humanitarian stability.

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



## A Bill to Lower the Cost of Breast Cancer Treatment to Save Lives

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal government will enforce a payment cap for all stages of  
3 breast cancer treatment. The payment cap is Stage 0: \$30,000, Stage 1:  
4 \$40,000, Stage 2: \$50,000, Stage 3: \$60,000, and Stage 5: \$70,000.

5 **SECTION 2.** Breast cancer and the progression stages are diagnosed by a medical  
6 doctor. This cap covers total out of pocket costs from patients (does not  
7 cover money covered by insurance and physical therapy). This bill does  
8 cover the total combined cost of inpatient breast cancer surgery,  
9 outpatient breast cancer surgery, chemotherapy, oral chemotherapy,  
10 radiation therapy, prescription drugs, other approved inpatient and  
11 outpatient treatments, and other medical services related to the  
12 treatment of breast cancer.

13 **SECTION 3.** The bill will be enforced by the Centers for Disease Control.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on September 1, 2020

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by McMullen County High School.*



## A Resolution to Transition to Electric Vehicles

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   The transportation sector was responsible for 28.2% of all U.S.  
2                   greenhouse gas emissions — the largest share of any sector — with light-  
3                   duty vehicles generating over half of the emissions in this sector; and
- 4   **WHEREAS,**   Just under 5.4 million hybrid electric cars have sold in the United States  
5                   comprising 1.6% of all new light-duty vehicle sales between 1999 and  
6                   2019; and
- 7   **WHEREAS,**   Climate change is having immediate, intense, and increasingly severe  
8                   consequences on both the non-human and human environments; now,  
9                   therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,**   That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following  
11                   recommendation that all cars manufactured and sold in the United States  
12                   are fully electric by 2030.

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