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## A Bill to Legalize the Sale of Non-Vital Organs to Promote Organ Transplants

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The sale of non-vital organs will now be legal only at Mayo Clinic Care  
3 Network (MCCN) hospitals to increase organ pools therefore lowering the  
4 cost of transplantations to recipients.

5 **SECTION 2.** Non-vital organs are defined as any organ that can be transplanted  
6 without the donor needing assistance to live through treatments and/or  
7 medicine. MCCN is the highest-ranking transplant hospital network  
8 nationwide therefore will oversee all non-vital organ transplants. Only  
9 hospitals that are a part of the Mayo network may participate in the  
10 procurement and transplanting of non-vital organs.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Health Resources and Services Administration will see that:  
12 A. Anyone looking to give an organ will be spared the operation costs as  
13 well as be compensated with \$10,000.  
14 B. Any hospital who is not part of the Mayo Clinic Care Network that  
15 performs a transplant of or sells a non-vital organ will be fined  
16 \$100,000, doubling with each offense.

17 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2025.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Era High School*



## A Bill to Create an Independent Redistricting Commission

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All 50 states are to establish an Independent Redistricting Commission  
3 every 10 years after the United States Census takes place in order to  
4 redraw congressional district lines.

5 **SECTION 2.** The Federal Election Commission will work alongside the states to  
6 implement this legislation.

7 A. Independent Redistricting Commissions will have their members  
8 selected based on applicants from the general public, reviews and  
9 interviews with potential commissioners, and then a lottery will be  
10 conducted to select the final members.

11 B. The state legislature may only intervene in independent commissions  
12 if the new map violates the state constitution or the United States  
13 constitution.

14 C. If the state legislature rejects the new map, the independent  
15 commission must continue to redraw the map until it is deemed  
16 lawful under the Constitution.

17 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025.

18 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Brock High School*



## A Resolution to Increase Immigration to Solve America's Economic and Social Issues

- 1 **WHEREAS,** America's National Debt is at 98% of the nation's GDP and is projected to  
2 be north of 150% by 2050, and any meaningful tax hike or spending cut  
3 would have dire consequences; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** The U.S. fertility rate has not exceeded replacement level since 2008; and  
5 **WHEREAS,** These factors would indicate future governmental fiscal instability and  
6 population decline; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** These factors would render our economic and social systems  
8 unsustainable and lead to their collapse; now, therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled call for the Executive Branch to  
10 reach a 5% annual increase in year-to-year foreign immigration to the  
11 United States.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Aubrey High School*



## A Bill to Raise the Minimum Wage to \$17 to Adjust for Inflation

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall establish the federal minimum wage as \$17 an  
3 hour by 2026 to adjust for increased inflation.

4 A. The current federal minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour shall increase by  
5 \$3.25 increments every year, reaching \$17 by 2026.

6 B. The Federal Government shall increase the investment income and  
7 individual income taxes placed on households with yearly incomes of \$1  
8 million or more by 5%.

9 **SECTION 2.** Federal minimum wage shall be defined as the lowest wage per hour that  
10 a worker may be paid in all US states. Investment income shall be defined  
11 as the profit made through any investment type, including but not limited  
12 to sale of stocks, capital gains, dividends, etc. Individual income shall be  
13 defined as individual money earned through businesses or other work.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor (DOL) and The Department of Labor's Wage  
15 and Hour Division (WHD), as well as the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)  
16 shall be tasked with implementing this legislation.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect on January 1st, 2024.

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

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



## A Resolution to Support Ukraine's Ascension into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Ukraine faces ongoing security challenges and threats to its territorial  
2 integrity; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Russia's aggressive actions in Ukraine, including the illegal annexation of  
4 Crimea and continued support for separatist movements in Eastern  
5 Ukraine shows continued attempts to undermine the stability of Europe  
6 and violate international law; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Ukraine's aspiration to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)  
8 is a strategic imperative for regional stability and security; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Ukraine's membership in NATO would enhance collective defense  
10 capabilities and promote peace and stability in Europe; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** Ukraine has made significant progress in implementing democratic  
12 reforms and aligning its institutions with NATO standards; and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** Ukraine's inclusion in NATO would serve as a deterrent to further Russian  
14 aggression and provide a framework to enhanced cooperation in  
15 addressing shared security challenges; now, therefore, be it
- 16 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled supports Ukraine's ascension into  
17 the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

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



## **A Bill to Build Affordable Housing for Low Income Households**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** An additional five billion dollars in funds will be allocated in the Federal  
3 Budget for the construction of affordable housing in the U.S.

4 **SECTION 2.** The threshold of affordable housing is no more than 30% of a  
5 household's income. The price of housing has risen in recent years while  
6 household income has not, and the average household is unable to afford  
7 a house.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development will oversee the  
9 construction of these houses and neighborhoods.

10 A. Each states average income will be taken into account when the  
11 prices of the housing is determined.

12 **SECTION 4.** Congress will implement this bill immediately upon approval.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Byron Nelson High School.*



## A Bill to Ban Lab-Grown Meat for Human Consumption

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The sale of all lab-grown meat intended for human consumption in the  
3 United States shall be prohibited in supermarket and grocery stores as  
4 well as the restaurant industry.

5 **SECTION 2.** Let the term “lab-grown” be defined as any meat that has been  
6 developed by animal cell culture.

7 **SECTION 3.** The U.S Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the United States  
8 Department of Agriculture (USDA) will oversee the enforcement of this  
9 bill.

10 **SECTION 4.** The implementation of this bill will take effect immediately upon passing.

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

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





## A Resolution to Increase Relations with Semiconductor Producing Countries to Prevent U.S. Economic Downturn

- 1 **WHEREAS,** China has been increasing investment in international communities,  
2 importing larger amounts of semiconductors, increasing funding to local  
3 production, and establishing power in South Africa; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** The U.S. is losing imports in semiconductors to China who is increasing  
5 investment towards developing semiconductors. Increasing resources  
6 towards developing semiconductors; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The U.S. is facing a supply chain issue due to a shortage of  
8 semiconductors; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** A shortage of semiconductors will lead to higher inflation, technological  
10 supply issues and ultimately economic downturn,
- 11 **WHEREAS,** increasing relations with countries that import semiconductors to China  
12 such as Japan, South Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, and Taiwan would make  
13 the U.S. more competitive in the Asian pacific region; now, therefore, be  
14 it
- 15 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled shall increase economic relations  
16 and encourage trading with leading countries in the semiconductor  
17 industry.

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



## **A Bill to Halt the Willow Project to Preserve the Atmosphere**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill will halt the Willow Project, an on-shore project ConocoPhillips  
3 initiated March 13, 2023 to drill oil in Alaska on the National Petroleum  
4 Reserve, owned by the United States Federal Government. The Willow  
5 Project is estimated to emit 9.3 million metric tons of carbon gas into the  
6 atmosphere yearly.

7 **SECTION 2.** The atmosphere shall be defined as any gas surrounding the earth,  
8 specifically the Ozone layer, which is damaged by the release of toxic  
9 gasses.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency will oversee implementation and  
11 enforcement of this bill.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect January 1, 2025.

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

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



## A Bill to Provide Inclusive Food Options at Public Schools

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill will provide inclusive lunches in all public schools. This will  
3 include Halal, Kosher, and Vegetarian lunch options.

4 **SECTION 2.** Halal is defined as food that is permitted or prepared according to Islamic  
5 Law. Kosher is defined as food which is prepared to the standards of  
6 Jewish dietary laws. Vegetarian is defined as food containing no meat  
7 products.

8 **SECTION 3.** The department of Education will oversee this transition by providing the  
9 funding and training for cafeteria staff to make this inclusive change.

10 A. Meal Plans will be provided but not required if staff has other options  
11 prepared in accordance to standards

12 **SECTION 4.** If passed, the actions of this bill will be implemented no more than 60  
13 days after passing.

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

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



## A Bill to Ban Harmful Ingredients in Cosmetics to Promote Health of Aquatic Life

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Cosmetic Manufacturers may not use non-reef-safe ingredients.

3 **SECTION 2.** “Non-reef-safe” is defined as including one or more of the following:

4 Oxybenzone, Octinoxate, Octocrylene, Homosalate, 4-methylbenzylidene

5 Camphor, PABA, parabens, Triclosan, any nanoparticles or “nano-sized”

6 Zinc or Titanium, or any form of microplastic.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Food and Drug Administration in collaboration with the National

8 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries will oversee the

9 enforcement of this bill.

10 A. The FDA will control the substances contained within cosmetic items.

11 B. NOAA will work cooperatively with the FDA to approve substances

12 appropriate for marine life.

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

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

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



## A Resolution to Refocus Public School Responses to Drug Abuse on Rehabilitation Instead of Punishment

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   Drug addiction in teenage populations is rapidly increasing with  
2                   seemingly no viable solution; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**   Current public school reactions revolve around retribution instead of  
4                   rehabilitation, often forgoing any real solvency; and
- 5   **WHEREAS,**   UCLA Health describes that adolescent drug addiction has risen  
6                   exponentially during the past few years; and
- 7   **WHEREAS,**   The entrance of fentanyl in the drug market makes drug addiction in  
8                   teenagers even more dangerous; and
- 9   **WHEREAS,**   Rehabilitation programs are substantially more effective than retribution  
10                  programs in curbing addiction; now, therefore be it
- 11   **RESOLVED,**   That the UIL Congress here assembled work to refocus public school  
12                  responses to drug addiction on rehabilitation instead of punishment.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Flower Mound High School.*



## A Bill to Give Convicted Felons the Right to Vote

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Any currently imprisoned or released felon will now be given the  
3 opportunity to vote. For any person currently incarcerated, an absentee  
4 ballot will be provided. Voting jurisdiction for the currently incarcerated  
5 will be determined by the location of the detention center.

6 **SECTION 2.** Felons shall be defined as any person found guilty of committing a felony  
7 criminal offense.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Committee (FEC) will oversee the implementation of  
9 this legislation.

10 A. Along with the FEC, each state's Secretary of State shall be  
11 responsible that every convicted felon is given the opportunity to  
12 register to vote.

13 B. Furthermore, the Secretary of State's office shall ensure the delivery  
14 of voter registration paperwork and absentee ballots to the currently  
15 incarcerated felons.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect upon passage of this legislation.

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

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



## A Resolution to Build Additional Nuclear Power Plant

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   The emission of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gasses into the  
2                   atmosphere continues to increase; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**   Scientists predict that by 2050 the energy needs in the United States will  
4                   increase by over 1000 terawatt hours; and
- 5   **WHEREAS,**   The use of fossil fuels to generate electricity contributes to the climate  
6                   change crisis; and
- 7   **WHEREAS,**   Nuclear power efficiency outpaces solar and wind power by up to 25%;  
8                   now, therefore, be it
- 9   **RESOLVED,**   That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following  
10                  recommendation to build new nuclear power plants in high-energy use  
11                  areas and/or upgrade existing plants.

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



## A Bill to Ban Nation-Wide Physician-Assisted Suicide

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Government of the United States shall place a ban on all physician  
3 assisted suicides across all places of medical care in the United States of  
4 America.

5 **SECTION 2.** Physician-Assisted Suicide is defined as when a physician facilitates a  
6 patient's death by providing the necessary means or information to carry  
7 out said act.

8 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and  
9 the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) will oversee the  
10 implementation of the bill.

11 A. The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the  
12 retraining of physicians and altering of policies in coordination with  
13 Section 1.

14 B. The Department of Justice will oversee the enforcement of Section 1  
15 and ensure that physicians do not continue to provide these services.

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

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Arlington Martin High School.*





## **A Bill to Restrict Land Ownership by Foreign Countries to Prevent a Threat to National Security**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Foreign nations will not be permitted to own land within a fifty-mile  
3 radius of government property, and cities with a population of more than  
4 250,000 must consent to a bimonthly inspection conducted by local law  
5 enforcement or military personnel, and cannot extract non-renewable  
6 resources from owned land.

7 **SECTION 2.** Military bases, Federal, State, and City-owned agencies and offices are all  
8 to be considered government property and are subject to protection  
9 under this bill. If a city with foreign land experiences a population spike  
10 above 250,000 the foreign land may retain ownership as long as it  
11 consents to US Laws and regulations and bimonthly inspections.

12 **SECTION 3.** The US Departments of Defense and the Interior will oversee the  
13 enforcement of this bill.

14 A. The Department of Defense will work to ensure that no national  
15 threat or conspiracy comes from foreign owned land.

16 B. The Department of the Interior will ensure that no non-renewable  
17 resources are extracted from the surface.

18 **SECTION 4.** The legislation will be implemented on January 1, 2025.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by VR Eaton 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 its subject matter is approved by school administration.*



## **A Bill to End Qualified Immunity to Protect the Citizens of the United States**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Qualified Immunity cannot be used to shield police officers from  
3 consequences when they violate and constitutional or statutory right in  
4 any court of law.

5 **SECTION 2.** Qualified Immunity is a type of legal immunity that shields state and local  
6 officials from sued by individuals whose rights have been violated unless  
7 in cases where a “clearly established,” right was violated, which means  
8 that no earlier case held that certain action was unconstitutional.

9 **SECTION 3.** Department of Justice would enforce this by changing the way that trials  
10 are deliberated and the ways that government officials are held  
11 responsible for their actions.

12 **SECTION 4.** If passed, this bill should be enacted January 1, 2025.

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

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



## A Bill to Allow a Federal Jobs Guarantee

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States of America shall adopt a federal jobs guarantee to  
3 combat unemployment.

4 **SECTION 2.** Unemployment will be defined as people who are capable of working,  
5 actively seeking work, and are unable to find employment. A federal jobs  
6 guarantee will be defined as a government funded program that provides  
7 living wage jobs to those seeking employment.

8 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Labor will create jobs by expanding  
9 publicly owned works in order to allow everybody the ability to work.

10 A. The government will expand governmental programs, such as the  
11 Green New Deal, in which people will be able to work for the  
12 government in order to build green infrastructure.

13 B. The Department of Labor will open up government funded projects  
14 such as the construction of airports, dams, post offices and hospitals.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be put into effect on January 5, 2025.

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

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



## A Bill to Eradicate the Giant African Land Snail as an Invasive Species

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall fund and implement early detection and rapid  
3 response infrastructure to identify and eradicate infestations of the  
4 invasive species and prevent their return. Currently, the state of Florida is  
5 experiencing an outbreak of Giant African Land Snails. These invasive  
6 species cause monumental damage not only to agriculture, but structural  
7 integrity of buildings and have cost more than \$20 million already.

8 **SECTION 2.** Giant African Land Snail is defined as *Lissachatina fulica*, a species of large  
9 land snail that belongs in the subfamily Achatininae of the family  
10 Achatinidae. Invasive species shall be defined as introduced, nonnative  
11 organism (disease, parasite, plant, or animal) that begins to spread or  
12 expand its range from the site of its original introduction and that has the  
13 potential to cause harm to the environment, the economy, or to human  
14 health.

15 **SECTION 3.** The USDA shall be allocated \$10 million to implement early detection and  
16 rapid response (EDRR) infrastructure to identify and eradicate  
17 infestations of invasive species and prevent their return.

18 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect January 1, 2025.

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

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



## A Bill to Further the Conservation and Protection of Tigers

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United State shall provide funding and research to help aid in the  
3 conservation efforts of Tigers. Currently, tigers are under the protection  
4 of the Endangered Species Act, but despite this, their population has  
5 continued to decline more than 85% since the act's passage. There are  
6 around 5000 tigers in captivity in the US, more than the global number of  
7 wild tigers. Furthermore, captive breeding has saved numerous species  
8 from extinction.

9 **SECTION 2.** Captive breeding shall be defined as breeding within healthy, controlled  
10 environments like zoos or other facilities.

11 **SECTION 3.** As such, the US Fish and Wildlife Service shall also be allocated \$20  
12 million to increase captive breeding and research into conservation  
13 efforts for all species of tigers.

14 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect January 1, 2025.

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

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