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## **A Resolution to Cool the Earth by Using Lunar Dust as a Sun Shield**

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   Climate change on Earth is an existential threat; and
- 2   **WHEREAS,**   The increased entrapment of solar energy, due to the result of
- 3                   greenhouse gases absorbing nearly 20 percent of solar infrared radiation
- 4                   within our atmosphere, is acknowledged to be a severe problem; and
- 5   **WHEREAS,**   The continual entrapment of solar radiation will present dire
- 6                   environmental consequences; now, therefore, be it
- 7   **RESOLVED,**   That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
- 8                   recommendation to enact a two-part plan to construct a solar shield
- 9                   using 22 billion pounds of lunar dust in Earth's orbit to limit solar
- 10                  radiation on earth; and, be it
- 11   **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That part one will entail prerequisite scientific research on how
- 12                  the sunshield will operate and be constructed, infrastructure
- 13                  construction on the lunar surface, and the supplementation of lunar
- 14                  mining equipment; and, be it
- 15   **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That part two will entail the creation of the sun shield orbiting
- 16                  earth.

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

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## **A Bill to End Childhood Marriages to Preserve Human Rights and Eliminate Gender-Based Violence**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will outlaw the allowance of child  
3 marriage for any reason.

4 A. Child marriage is currently legal in 41 states and 20 U.S. states do not  
5 require any minimum age for marriage, with a parental or judicial waiver.

6 B. Nearly 300,000 children were married in the U.S. between 2000 and 2018.

7 **SECTION 2.** “Child marriage” occurs when one or both of the parties to the marriage  
8 are below the age of 18.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the  
10 implementation of this bill. Local jurisdictions that do not comply will lose  
11 their right to grant marriage licenses.

12 A. Agencies granting marriage licenses will be required to confirm age of both  
13 parties at the time of license application.

14 B. Each local government agency that grants marriage licenses will be required  
15 to submit quarterly reports to the Department of Health and Human  
16 Services for auditing.

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

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

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



## **A Bill to Raise Taxes on Gasoline to Fund Sustainable Transportation Initiatives**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The existing federal gasoline tax rates shall be raised in order to generate  
3 additional revenue for funding sustainable public transportation and  
4 infrastructure improvements.

5 **SECTION 2.**

6 A. Federal Gasoline Tax shall be defined as a tax imposed on the sale of each  
7 gallon of gasoline.

8 B. Sustainable Public Transportation shall be defined as low or zero-, emission,  
9 energy efficient, affordable modes of transportation.

10 C. Infrastructure improvements shall be defined as enhancements and  
11 investments made to physical structures and systems related to  
12 transportation, such as roads, bridges, tunnels, and public transit facilities.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Transportation shall be responsible for the collection  
14 of this tax.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect on January 1, 2025.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by A&M Consolidated High School.*

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## **A Resolution to Review the Ethics of the Supreme Court to Ensure Unbiased Interpretation of the Constitution**

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   In a poll distributed by the University of Pennsylvania, the institution  
2                   gathered that 53% of the people who took the survey disapproved of  
3                   how the Supreme Court performed its duties. Their duties consisted of  
4                   interpreting the Constitution and not allowing their personal lives and  
5                   beliefs to interfere with their ruling.
- 6   **WHEREAS,**   In comparison, the lower federal courts require a Code of Conduct for  
7                   judges to follow, whereas the Supreme Court judges are not bound by a  
8                   Code of Conduct. This resolution asks for the creation of a committee  
9                   who will oversee a Code of Conduct. Questions regarding the ethics of  
10                  the actions the members of the Supreme Court are engaging in and the  
11                  effects they have on judicial rulings have, as of late, become pertinent,
- 12   **WHEREAS,**   Furthermore, this can harm the American people because of the power  
13                  of the Supreme Court; justices should be the ones who uphold the  
14                  Constitution, as they should be the voice of the American people.
- 15   **RESOLVED,**   That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following create a  
16                   bipartisan committee of legislators to oversee and implement a review of  
17                   ethics and biases for the protection of the Constitution and the American  
18                   people.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Infinity Early College High School.*

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the students of our school and its subject matter is approved by school administration.*



## **A Bill to Cease Legacy Admissions to Universities in Order to Promote a Just Admissions System**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Universities will no longer be allowed to take a candidate's familial relationships  
3 with alumni into consideration when admitting applicants into their institutions.

4 **SECTION 2.** "Universities" refers to an institution of higher education and research which  
5 awards academic degrees in several academic disciplines; "Familial  
6 Relationships" refers to a relationship involving parents, carers, guardians,  
7 grandparents, siblings, etc.; "Alumni" refers to a graduate or former student of a  
8 particular school, college, or university; "Institutions" refers to a society or  
9 organization founded for educational purposes.

10 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Education will be responsible for enforcing the ban of  
11 legacy admissions.

12 A. The U.S. Department of Education will have ambassadors oversee  
13 universities' application process until the monitors have full confidence in  
14 the institution to adhere to this legislation.

15 B. Failure to comply by the start of the next fiscal year will result in the  
16 discontinuing of all federal funding to the university and its students.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be enacted by January 2024

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Magnolia West High School.*



## **A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Grant the Federal Government Authority over Federal Elections**

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

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

8 **ARTICLE I, Section 1**

9 **SECTION 1:** The Federal Government shall be responsible for organization and  
10 managing all federal elections, including the number of, types, and  
11 locations of polling stations.

12 **SECTION 2:** The UIL Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate  
13 legislation.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Caney Creek High School.*

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## **A Bill to Regulate Temperature Control in Prisons to Eliminate Temperature-Related Deaths in Inmates**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All jails and prisons within the United States (local, county, state, and  
3 federal) will be required to provide universal temperature control for  
4 incarcerated individuals, maintaining conditions at room temperature 24  
5 hours a day.

6 **SECTION 2.** “Room temperature” will be defined as 68-72 degrees Fahrenheit.

7 **SECTION 3.** Regulation of this bill will be provided by the Department of Justice’s  
8 Bureau of Prisons (BOP).

9 A. Facilities will install heating and cooling units that are maintained  
10 regularly.

11 B. Any variations in temperature beyond the control of the local  
12 facilities will be reported to BOP and will be rectified within a  
13 reasonable amount of time.

14 C. Institutions found out to be out of compliance will be fined per day of  
15 non-compliance.

16 **SECTION 4.** Institutions will be required to initiate necessary infrastructure planning  
17 upon passage of this bill and must be in compliance within one calendar  
18 year.

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

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

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## A Resolution to Establish a Pacific Defense Organization to Counter Chinese Influence

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   The Peoples Republic of China (P.R.C) has drastically increased its  
2                   influence in the Indo-Pacific Region in recent years; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**   The P.R.C. has recently floated the idea of invading the island of Taiwan,  
4                   which would greatly upset the international order in the Pacific; and
- 5   **WHEREAS,**   The P.R.C. has been constructing artificial islands in the South China Sea  
6                   in order to expand its maritime borders, greatly upsetting its neighbors  
7                   and causing an international incident; and
- 8   **WHEREAS,**   The P.R.C. is pursuing closer ties with Putin’s Russia, creating a strategic  
9                   alliance to counter U.S. interests; and
- 10   **WHEREAS,**   The P.R.C. continues to have close ties with North Korea, a rogue state  
11                  that has flown multiple ICBM missiles over Japanese airspace; and now,  
12                  therefore, be it
- 13   **RESOLVED,**   That the UIL Congress here assembled make the recommendation that  
14                  the United States establish an intergovernmental military alliance with  
15                  Australia, Canada, India, Indonesia, Japan, the Philippines, New Zealand,  
16                  South Korea, and Vietnam centered on Indo-Pacific collective peace and  
17                  security and, be it
- 18   **FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this UIL Congress recommend this organization contain a  
19                  clause that guarantees that an invasion on one country’s territory will be  
20                  considered a hostile act of war on all.

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

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## **A Bill to Ban Praeger U Materials in Public Schools to Stop the Indoctrination of America's Youth**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Public schools in the United States will be prohibited from purchasing,  
3 distributing, or using Praeger U. educational materials in any form.

4 **SECTION 2.** Praeger U educational materials shall be defined as any electronic, video,  
5 or printed material that is written for the purpose of classroom  
6 instruction.

7 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Education will oversee the enforcement  
8 of this legislation. Schools in violation of this bill will lose ½ of all federal  
9 funding for a period of 1 year.

10 A. Repeated violations of this legislation will result in an additional 1%  
11 decrease in federal funding each year.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect in July of 2024.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by A&M Consolidated High School.*

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## **A Bill to Grant Immunity to Citizens Who Voluntarily Contribute to Fetal Tissue Research to Further Medical Advances**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government will grant immunity to individuals  
3 who participate in the donation of a fetus to further fetal tissue research.

4 **SECTION 2.** 'Immunity' is defined as legal protection that exempts a person from  
5 liability, punishment, or legal action that would otherwise apply. 'Fetal  
6 Tissue Research' is defined as research involving tissue or cells obtained  
7 from a dead human embryo or fetus after a spontaneous or induced  
8 abortion or stillbirth.

9 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the  
10 implementation of this bill.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect immediately upon its passage.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Caney Creek High School.*

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## A Bill to Update Construction Regulations to Minimize Bird Strikes

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All new construction will incorporate bird-safe building materials and design  
3 features into public buildings that are more than one story in height. In addition,  
4 existing public buildings that are more than one story in height will implement  
5 design features that are deemed to be bird safe.

6 **SECTION 2.** “Bird-safe” materials will include non-glass building options as well as “design  
7 features” which may include secondary facades, netting, screens, shutters, and  
8 exterior shades that preclude bird collisions without completely obscuring vision.

9 **SECTION 3.** Congress will create an agency that will oversee the implementation and ensure  
10 that buildings conform to requirements. Not less than 90 percent of the exposed  
11 facade material from ground level to 40 feet—  
12 A. shall not be composed of glass; or  
13 B. shall be composed of glass employing—  
14 i. elements that preclude bird collisions without completely obscuring  
15 vision, such as secondary facades, netting, screens, shutters, and exterior  
16 shades; or  
17 ii. ultraviolet (UV) patterned glass that contains UV-reflective or contrasting  
18 patterns that are visible to birds.

19 **SECTION 4.** Implementation will begin upon passage for new construction. Existing construction  
20 will have two calendar years from the date of passage to meet requirements.

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

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## The Red Dye 40 Replacement Act

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Passing of this legislation will ban the use of Red Dye 40 in commercial  
3 food products and replace it with carmine dye in order to promote  
4 consumer safety.

5 **SECTION 2. A.** Red Dye 40 will be defined as an artificial red coloring that's added to  
6 processed foods, medications, and cosmetics.

7 **B.** Carmine Dye will be defined as a natural food colorant derived from  
8 the cochineal insect, also known as cochineal extract or carminic acid  
9 (E120).

10 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will oversee the  
11 implementation of this act.

12 **A.** The FDA will be provided \$50 million to study the safety, quality, and  
13 feasibility of carmine as a replacement for Red Dye 40.

14 **B.** Failure to comply with the provisions of this Act shall result in  
15 penalties as outlined by existing food safety regulations, which may  
16 include fines, product recalls, or other appropriate measures.

17 **C.** Six months will be allocated after passage to help food corporations  
18 adjust product lines and production.

19 **SECTION 4.** This act will take effect six months after passage.

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

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

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