

A Bill to Reform the Criminal Justice System

1 *Be it enacted by this Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League Student Congress here*
2 *assembled that:*

3 Article I: A. Federal prisons will be mandated to provide drug rehabilitation
4 services to eligible prisoners.

5 B. All federal mandatory minimum sentences will be eliminated for
6 non-violent drug offenders.

7 Article II: A. Drug rehabilitation services shall be defined as treatment
8 programs, and behavioral therapies.

9 B. Mandatory minimums shall be defined as statutory provisions
10 requiring the imposition of a specified minimum sentence when
11 criteria specified in the relevant statute has been met.

12 Article III: This bill shall be implemented in the next fiscal year.

13 Article IV: The United States Department of Justice shall be responsible for the
14 implementation and enforcement of this legislation.

15 Article V: All other laws that are in conflict with this legislation shall hereby be
16 declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts

The Sustainable Agriculture Act of 2019

1 *Be it enacted by this Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League Student Congress here*
2 *assembled that:*

3 Article I: The United States shall hereby distribute an additional \$1 billion in
4 subsidies annually to farmers and corporations who employ sustainable
5 agricultural practices. Additionally, the United States will revoke all
6 pre-existing subsidies from farmers who are found to employ practices
7 that cause harm to the environment.

8 Article II: Sustainable agricultural practices include methods to promote soil health,
9 minimize water use, and lower pollution levels on the farm and the
10 atmosphere. Unsustainable agricultural practices will include the usage of
11 unhealthy chemicals, GMO production, and any other agricultural activity
12 that harms the land and pollutes the atmosphere.

13 Article III: This bill will take effect after FY 2020.

14 Article IV: The Department of Agriculture will oversee the implementation and
15 distribution of funds for this legislation.

16 A) Additionally, if farms or corporations are found transitioning to
17 agricultural practices that lack sustainability, the subsidies will be
18 immediately revoked.

19 Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

American Heritage School of Boca/Delray

A Bill to Fund Prisons in America to Stop the Spread of Hepatitis C

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 Article 1. One and a half billion dollars in treatments shall be allocated to public and
3 private prisons to help treat the spreading of hepatitis C in prisons.

4 Article 2. Treatment shall be defined as medicines, vaccinations, and constant
5 checkups.

6 Article 3. This bill will be implemented approximately one year after passage.

7 Article 4. The Department of Justice, the Department of Corrections, and the
8 Department of Health shall be responsible for the implementation of this
9 bill.

10 A. The three departments shall be charged with working with private
11 prisons to ensure effectiveness.

12 B. The three departments shall attempt to institute a “Netflix policy”
13 in order to effectively pay for medicines.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Boca Raton High School

A Bill to Criminalize the Unvaccination of Children in the United States

1 *Be it enacted by this Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League Student Congress here*
2 *assembled that:*

3 Article I: Any parent or guardian in the United States who fails to vaccinate their
4 child, will be subject to a neglect investigation by Child Protective
5 Services. CPS will review information and decide whether the maximum
6 sentencing for child neglect is required.

7 Article II: A) Child Protective Services: The United States government agency
8 responsible for providing child protection.

9 B) Child Neglect: A form of child abuse which is characterized by
10 deficit in meeting a child's basic needs.

11 C) Unvaccinated: Not having received a vaccine, not vaccinated.

12 Article III: This bill will be implemented at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

13 Article IV: The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the
14 implementation of this bill.

15 Article V: All other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be
16 declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Cardinal Newman High School

A Resolution to Resolve the Injustice of Cash Bail

1 Whereas: Our current bail and bond system unfairly punishes the working poor by
2 imposing amounts that are out of their monetary reach; and
3 Whereas: 462,000 inmates that have not been convicted of a crime are unjustly
4 awaiting trial while incarcerated simply because they cannot afford to bail
5 themselves out; and
6 Whereas: the time such inmates serve can cause irreparable damage to their family,
7 finances, and future; and
8 Whereas: this practice fosters racial inequality, and unreasonably burdens tax
9 payers.
10 Therefore, be it resolved by this Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League Student
11 Congress assembled here that the current system of bail be modified to
12 offer the option of supervised release to the working poor.

Respectfully submitted,

Clark Advanced Learning Center

A Bill to Fund Marine Debris Clean-Up

1 *Be it enacted by this Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League Student Congress here*
2 *assembled that:*

3 Article I: The United States will spend 100 million dollars on marine debris
4 clean-up efforts.

5 Article II: Marine debris is defined as human waste that has deliberately or
6 accidentally been released into an open water source, such as lakes, seas,
7 and oceans.

8 Article III: This bill will be implemented at the start of FY 2020.

9 Article IV: A. 50 million dollars will go toward research and development of
10 alternative bio-based materials that reduce human solid waste.
11 B. 50 million dollars will go toward marine debris clean up initiatives.
12 C. The Environmental Protection Agency and the National Oceanic
13 and Atmospheric Administration will oversee the enforcement of
14 the bill.

15 Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void

Respectfully submitted,

FAU High School

**A Bill to Amend the Fair Labor Standards Act to Raise the Minimum Wage to Fifteen (15)
Dollars per Hour**

1 *Be it enacted by this Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League Student Congress here*
2 *assembled that:*

3 Article I: The Fair Labor Standards Act shall be amended to raise the minimum
4 wage to fifteen (15) dollars per hour. The minimum wage shall be raised
5 in three equal installments over three years to reach fifteen dollars.

6 Article II: Minimum wage is defined as the lowest amount of money an employer
7 must compensate a worker for a set time period of work performed.

8 Article III: This law shall become effective on January 1, 2022.

9 Article IV: The Department of Labor’s (DOL) Wage and Hour Division administers
10 and enforces the federal minimum wage law. The DOL’s enforcement
11 methods include recovering unpaid wages, seeking civil damages and
12 injunctions, and seeking criminal prosecution of willful violators.

13 Article V: All other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be
14 declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Inlet Grove Community High School

**A Bill to Criminalize the Production and Importation of all Petroleum/Natural Gas Based
Products in the United States by 2024**

1 Be it enacted by this Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League Congress here assembled
2 that:

3 Article I: Production and Importation of Petroleum/Natural Gas based products in
4 the United States for commercial or industrial use will be classified as a
5 “Class A Felony” by 2024

6 Article II: Petroleum/Natural Gas Products are defined as, “Products that are
7 obtained by processing natural gas and crude oil.”

8 Article III: This legislation will go into effect for FY2024

9 Article IV: Two agencies are responsible for implementation of this Bill

10 A) The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be responsible
11 for inspecting various allegations of Petroleum/Natural Gas usage

12 B) The Department of Justice (DOJ) will be responsible for the
13 prosecution of those found criminally liable

14 C) All found guilty of violating this law will receive a mandatory
15 minimum sentence of 10 years in the federal penitentiary

16 Article V: All other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be
17 declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

John I. Leonard High School

**A Bill to Federally Mandate Prisons to Separate Sexual Offenders from General
Population**

1 *Be it enacted by this Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League Student Congress here*
2 *assembled that:*

3 Article I: All prisons are federally mandated to provide facilities to separate sexual
4 offenders through the use of isolated wards in prisons in an effort to
5 protect sexual offenders.

6 Article II: Prison will be defined as a facility used under the authority of the State or
7 the Federal government to legally imprison those convicted of a crime or
8 those being held and awaiting trial. Isolation and separation will be
9 defined as segregating sexual offenders into separate prison wards, as
10 opposed to those being held with in general population.

11 Article III: This bill is to be implemented on December 1st, 2024.

12 Article IV: The Federal Bureau of Prisons will oversee the implementation of this
13 legislation and ensure the adequacy of the required facilities.

14 Article V: All other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be
15 declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Jupiter High School

A Bill to End Discrimination of Ex-Convicts

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 Article 1. Convicted felons who have served their time and been released shall not
3 be discriminated against in obtaining reasonable employment and/or
4 housing.

5 Article 2. Reasonable employment meaning that the employment sought should not
6 be related to the crime committed. Reasonable housing meaning a felony
7 conviction may not be the sole reason for denying access to renting or
8 buying property.

9 Article 3. This legislation shall go into effect January 1, 2020.

10 Article 4. The Department of Justice, in conjunction with the Department of
11 Housing and Urban Development and the U.S. Equal Employment
12 Opportunity Commission shall be charged with the implementation of this
13 legislation.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lincoln Park Academy

A Resolution to Ensure No Person Is Above the Law

1 Whereas: qualified immunity creates a system that protects governmental officials
2 that act with malice; and

3 Whereas: qualified immunity has continuously failed to protect government officials
4 who genuinely deserve protection; and

6 Whereas: a lack of regulation has enabled consistent violence against civilians
7 by law enforcement and other government officials; and

8 Whereas: a disproportionate amount of minorities have been continuously targeted
9 by government officials who pose no threat;

11 Therefore, be it resolved by this Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League Student
12 Congress assembled here that: this congress urge the removal of
13 qualified immunity for police officers and other government officials.

Respectfully submitted,

Martin County High School

A Bill that Re-Establishes the Wet Foot Dry Foot Policy

1 Whereas: we have experienced an increase of illegal immigration from Cuba since
2 the removal of the policy and passing the bill would decrease this rate; and
3 Whereas: the increase of illegal immigration also increases diseases entered into the
4 country and therefore affecting the lives of American citizens; and
5 Whereas: America prides itself on its anticommunist efforts, and by providing
6 Cubans with citizenship we would be assisting them in fleeing the
7 totalitarian system; and
8 Whereas: America obtains an abundance of resources that would greatly improve the
9 quality of lives of the Cubans, as well as boost the US economy with the
10 influx of workers;
11 Therefore: be it resolved by this Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League Student
12 Congress assembled here that: make the following recommendations for
13 solution to pass this bill to improve the quality of life of Cubans, thus
14 assisting in anticommunist efforts, and boosting the US economy.

Respectfully submitted,

Olympic Heights Community High School

A Bill to Halt Global Warming

1 *Be it enacted by this Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League Student Congress here*

2 *assembled that:*

3 Article 1: The United States will construct 150 nuclear power plants over a 10-year
4 period.

5 Article 2: A nuclear power plant is a facility that converts atomic energy into usable
6 power. In a nuclear electric power plant, heat produced by a reactor is
7 generally used to drive a turbine which in turn drives an electric generator.

8 Article 3: This legislation will take effect 5 years after enactment by the Congress

9 Article 4: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will oversee the construction as well
10 as supervision the upkeep of the Nuclear power plants. The government
11 will repeal the Trump taxes cut which is estimated to cost the government
12 2.3 trillion dollars. The estimated cost of the plants at 9 billion per plant
13 and the total cost will be around 1.35 trillion dollars.

14 Article 5: All other laws that conflict with this new policy shall hereby be declared
15 null and void

Respectfully submitted,

Palm Beach Central High School

A Bill to Require People Who Commit Drug Abuse Crimes to Undergo Mental Illness

Screening

1 *Be it enacted by this Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League Student Congress here*
2 *assembled that:*

3 Article I: This bill will require all people found guilty of a drug abuse crime to
4 undergo mandatory mental health screenings in order to determine if
5 the drug abuse is a manifestation of a mental illness. If the person charged
6 is found to possess a mental illness, he or she will receive rehabilitation.

7 Article II: The term drug abuse is defined as the use of illegal substances or the use
8 of prescription or over-the-counter drugs for purposes other than those for
9 which they are intend to be used, or in large amounts.

10 Article III: This bill will become effective January 2, 2022.

11 Article IV: The United States Department of Justice will be responsible for enforcing
12 this bill.

13 Article V: All other laws or portions of laws that are in conflict with this new policy
14 shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Park Vista Community High School

A Bill to Penalize Corporations Contributing to Excessive Food Waste

1 Be it enacted by this Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League Student Congress here
2 assembled that:

3 Article I: The United States shall require corporate entities who have an annual food
4 waste of over 1,000 tons to be penalized with a dime-tax on every pound
5 following the initial 1,000 tons. Any and all food waste that is donated
6 will not subjected to this tax.

7 Article II: Food waste shall be defined as any food that is discarded having not been
8 previously sold to consumers. Donated shall be defined as to be given,
9 of charge, to non-profit organizations, farms, and/or places of agriculture
10 that will repurpose the discarded food.

11 Article III: This bill will go into effect January 2021.

12 Article IV: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will oversee the
13 implementation of the bill.

14 Article V: All other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be
15 declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Santaluces Community High School

A Resolution to Implement a Nationwide Needle Exchange Program

1 Whereas: Intravenous drug addict reuse dirty needles which transmits HIV; and
2 Whereas: These addicts are 22 times more likely to become infected by HIV than a
3 non-drug user; and
4 Whereas: The United States of America spends \$28 billion a year to combat the
5 domestic HIV crisis; and
6 Whereas: There were 15,807 people in the United States that dies from HIV related
7 illnesses in 2016;
8 Therefore, be it resolved by this Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League Student
9 Congress assembled here that: all states and territories of the United States
10 of America implement a Needle Exchange Program

Respectfully submitted,

Seminole Ridge Community High School

A Resolution to Withdraw the United States from North Atlantic Treaty Organization

1 Whereas: The original threat created by the Soviet Union which led to the formation
2 of NATO ceases to exist; and
3 Whereas: NATO promotes widespread military aggression and tension; and
4 Whereas: There has been an unequal allocation of funds contributed by the United
5 States which is not proportional to the benefits that NATO fails provides
6 to the U.S.; and
7 Whereas: NATO's guidelines put the U.S. and its citizens in potential danger;
8 Therefore, be it resolved by this Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League Student
9 Congress assembled here that the United States shall send a letter of
10 denunciation to begin the process of withdrawing from NATO.

Patriotically Submitted,

Spanish River High School

A Bill to Promote Alternative Energy

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 Article 1. Corporations that extract fossil fuels will be taxed 15% of their annual
3 revenue to incentivize the production of alternative energy.

4 Article 2. A. Fossil Fuels shall be defined as natural fuels, such as coal or gas,
5 formed in the geological past from the remains of living
6 organisms.

7 B. Alternative energy shall be defined as energy generated in ways
8 that do not deplete natural resources or harm the environment,
9 especially by avoiding the use of fossil fuels and nuclear power.

10 Article 3. This Bill shall be implemented on January 1st, 2020.

11 Article 4. The Department of Energy will be responsible for the enforcement of this
12 bill.

13 A. The revenue generated from the tax shall be put towards alternative
14 energy research initiatives as well as the production of alternative
15 energy.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Suncoast Community High School

**A Bill to Provide Hotels Federal Tax Deductions in Exchange for Converting Rooms into
Shelters**

1 Be it enacted by this Student Congress here assembled that:

2 Article I: Any hotel that agrees to house homeless people in an otherwise vacant
3 room can deduct the standard cost of the room from its federal tax
4 bill.

5 Article II: “Homeless” is defined by 42 U.S. code § 11302 as “an individual or
6 family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.”
7 “Standard cost of room” is defined as the mean dollar cost of a hotel room
8 of similar size and amenities at the establishment.

9 Article III: Upon passage, this bill shall be effective January 1, 2020.

10 Article IV: The Offices of the United States Department of Housing and Urban
11 Development shall oversee the implementation of this bill. The Office of
12 Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity will identify and provide relevant
13 data about standard hotel room costs to the Office of Community Planning
14 and Development which will be tasked with enforcing the primary
15 provisions of the legislation.

16 A) The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will be responsible for
17 overseeing the tax adjustments.

18 Article V: All other laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

The Benjamin School

A Bill to Prohibit the Use of Drones Domestically

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 Article 1. The domestic use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles is hereby prohibited.

2 Article 2. A. An unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) (or an uncrewed aerial vehicle,
3 commonly known as a drone) is an aircraft without a human pilot
4 on board and a type of unmanned vehicle.

5 B. “Domestic use” includes, but is not limited to, the surveying of
6 land, public surveillance, and the provision of aid for a law
7 enforcement force.

8 Article 3. This law will be implemented July 1, 2020.

9 Article 4. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) shall oversee and enforce the
10 implementation of legislation. Violation of this legislation will result in a
11 \$500,000 fine for each incident.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Wellington High School

A Bill to Regulate the Ride-Sharing Industry

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS THAT:

2 Article I. The United States of America shall bring all American owned Ride-
3 Sharing Industries under government regulation in order to promote safety
4 and quality standards for the industry.

5 Article II. Ride-sharing Industries are defined as all companies involved in the
6 providing of a car sharing service, the creation, maintenance and repair of
7 software that facilitates car sharing as well as the subcontractors that
8 provide the service to consumers. Government Regulation shall include
9 but will not be limited to setting quality and safety standards for the
10 industry, requiring certain criteria for use and accessibility at public
11 facilities and creating standards for commercial use and development.

12 Article III. This law will take effect immediately upon its passage.

13 Article IV. The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) will become
14 the regulatory agency and will be allowed to set regulatory limits,
15 standards and fines. The USDOT will also work in close cooperation with
16 state and local governments to draft regulations and industry standards.

17 Article V. Any laws or statutes in conflict with the bill are considered null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

West Boca Raton High School

A Bill to Phase-Out the Use of Nuclear Power in the United States

1 Be it enacted by this Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League Student Congress here
2 assembled that:

3 Article I: Nuclear Power Plants (NPP) in the United States shall be shut down over
4 a five (5) year period.

5 Article II: Nuclear Power is defined as a form of energy produced by an atomic
6 reaction, capable of producing an alternative source of electrical power to
7 that supplied by coal, gas, or oil.

8 Article III: All NPPs currently in existence in the U. S. shall be shut down completely
9 no later than five (5) years after enactment of this bill.

10 Article IV: The U.S. Department of Energy shall oversee the implementation and
11 enforcement of this bill. The Phase out period shall commence
12 immediately and no additional NPPs shall be constructed in the U. S.
13 effective immediately. Each NPP shall be identified and a Plan for the
14 shutdown of each NPP shall be designed by the facility and the U.S.
15 Department of Energy. Plans shall include the date of shutdown, the safe
16 disposal of the waste products, and a feasibility study of replacement
17 power for the area in which the facility provides energy for. The U. S.
18 Federal Government shall offer incentive tax credits to assist facilities in
19 this process and to encourage quick and efficient shutdown of the NPPs.

20 Article V: All other laws that are in conflict shall hereby be declared null and void.
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22 Respectfully submitted,

23 William T. Dwyer High School