

Raise the Wage Act

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

3 **Article I:** Section 6(a)(1) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 shall be amended
4 to raise the federal minimum wage to a sustainable living wage.

5 **Article II:** The federal minimum wage is the lowest wage per hour a worker may be
6 paid, as mandated by the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).

7 a) The federal minimum wage shall be raised to \$12.50 an hour,
8 beginning 1 year after effective date.

9 b) The federal minimum wage shall be raised to \$15 an hour,
10 beginning 3 years after effective date.

11 **Article III:** This legislation shall take effect in fiscal year 2021.

12 **Article IV:** The Department of Labor and the Internal Revenue Service shall work in
13 conjunction to oversee the implementation of this 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,

A.W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts

A Bill to End Turkish Leniency to Prevent Future Conflict

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

3 **Article I:** A) The United States shall cease its shipments of military aid and
4 developmental aid to the Republic of Turkey until the Blue Homeland
5 Doctrine strategy is replaced by a more peaceful approach to foreign
6 policy.

7 B) The United States shall begin its search for a suitable replacement for
8 the Incirlik military base outside of Turkey.

9 **Article II:** A) Military aid shall be defined as arms, tactical intelligence, and money
10 to purchase arms.

11 B) Developmental aid shall be defined as money to fund long-term
12 solutions to economic, social and political problems.

13 C) The Blue Homeland Doctrine shall be defined as a stated principle of
14 Turkish government policy that aims to establish energy independence
15 through expansionism.

16 **Article III:** This legislation will take effect on FY 2021.

17 **Article IV:** The U.S. Office of Foreign Assistance shall be responsible for the
18 termination of Turkish aid and the Defense Security Cooperation Agency
19 shall be responsible for the search for a new military base.

20 **Article V:** All other laws in conflict with this new policy shall be null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

American Heritage Boca/Delray

A Bill to Create a Federal Data Protection Agency

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

3 **Article I:** To create a Federal Data Protection Agency, FDPA, that enforces US
4 cyber laws, spreads internet safety awareness, and actively protects the
5 private data of American citizens from both local and national threats.

6 **Article II:** Cyber security will be defined as the protection of internet-connected
7 systems such as hardware, software, and data from cyber-threats. Data
8 protection will be defined as practices and safeguards put in place to
9 protect personal information for the sake of personal and national security.

10 **Article III:** This bill will go into effect during the first month of the fiscal year 2022.

11 **Article IV:** The Department of Justice along with the Federal Bureau of Investigation
12 will oversee the funds and implementation of this bill.

13 A) After the first year, the FDPA will assume full management from
14 DOJ and FBI.

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 Bill to Provide Tax Credits for Home School Educators

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

3 **Article I:** The United States Federal Government will grant a tax credit to Home
4 School Educators to defray the cost of curriculum and tuition incurred
5 during the school year.

6 **Article II:** Home School- the sequentially progressive instruction of a student
7 directed by his or her parent or guardian in order to satisfy Department of
8 Education compulsory education requirements; Curriculum - lessons and
9 academic content taught in a school or in a specific course or program;
10 School year - the equivalent of 180 days of completed school work

11 **Article III:** This bill will go into effect in Fiscal Year 2024.

12 **Article IV:** The IRS in conjunction with the Department of Education will oversee the
13 enforcement of the bill. The requirements to qualify for this tax credit
14 shall include:

15 A) transcript for successful completion of current year's schoolwork

16 B) Submission of Form 1098-T amended by IRS to include Home School

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

Respectfully submitted,

Clark Advanced Learning Center

A Bill to Implement a Single Payer Healthcare System

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

3 **Article I:** The United States will shift from a private insurance-based healthcare
4 to a single payer system

5 **Article II:** Single payer shall be defined as a system in which all necessary healthcare
6 costs are paid via a universal tax increase

7 **Article III:** This Bill will be implemented over a 5-year period to allow time for
8 private insurance agents to transition into a new line of work.

9 This Bill goes into total effect January 2, 2025

10 **Article IV:** This Bill will be overseen by the Department of Health and Human
11 Services will oversee implementation of this bill.

12 A) The Medicaid and Medicare programs will be abolished and
13 transitioned into a Universal Healthcare program

14 B) A 5% income tax will be applied to all Americans in order to pay
15 for this program

16 **Article V:** All other laws in conflict with this new policy shall be null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

John I Leonard High School

A Bill to Revitalize American Railways as the New Transcontinental Railroad

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

3 **Article I:** The United States will build and modernize American railways as a form
4 of economic stimulus and expansion of public interstate transportation.

5 **Article II:** Modernization will be defined as the demolition, refurbishment and
6 creation of American railways for public transport of goods and people.

7 **Article III:** This bill will be enacted one month upon passage. Upon passage of this
8 legislation funding will be released and planning started.

9 **Article IV:** The United States Department of Transportation will oversee the
10 implementation of this bill in collaboration with the Federal Railway
11 Administration.

12 A) Labor, expertise, and construction oversight will be outsourced
13 through a series of contracts with private sector firms.

14 B) 2 Trillion dollars of federal funding will be allocated equally over
15 the 15 course of 10 years.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jupiter High School

A Bill to Improve American Infrastructure

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

2 **Article I:** The United States shall take a multipronged approach to fix its faulty
3 infrastructure.

4 A) \$250 billion will be set aside to repair failing roads and bridges.

5 B) The U.S. tax on gasoline will increase to 30 cents per gallon of gas.

6 C) The U.S. tax on diesel will increase to 35 cents per gallon of diesel.

7 **Article II:** Failing roads and bridges shall be defined as any road or bridge deemed to
8 be in poor condition and/or having deteriorating components.

9 **Article III:** This legislation shall be implemented on October 1st, 2021.

10 **Article IV:** The Department of Transportation will oversee the enforcement of this
11 legislation.

12 A) 50% of the funding from Article 1A will go to the Highway Trust
13 Fund.

14 B) 50% of the funding from Article 1A will be reserved by the
15 Department of Transportation. States transportation departments
16 will be able to apply for said funds to repair state-owned
17 infrastructure.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Martin County High School

A Resolution to Enforce Drug Testing for High School Athletes

1 Whereas: there are currently no universal drug testing preventatives in place for high
2 school athletes; and

3 Whereas: the implementation of drug testing would increase the level of fairness
4 and health of each player; and

5 Whereas: a failed drug test would result in the expulsion of an athlete from the
7 team and/or school; and

8 Whereas: said drug tests would be conducted at random throughout all seasons of
9 the year;

11 Therefore, be it resolved by this Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League Student
12 Congress assembled here that: random drug testing is conducted on all
13 high school athletes, at random and throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Olympic Heights Community High School

A Bill to Reform the Police

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

- 3 **Article I:** A) The U.S. military shall halt all excess military equipment and
4 armored vehicle sales, or transfers, to police departments.
5 B) In the event of a police officer killing an unarmed citizen, the
6 Federal Bureau of Investigation shall launch an investigation.
7 C) Upon the passing of this legislation, a one-billion-dollar federal
8 grant program shall be instituted for police departments that
9 require their officers to undergo training on how to deescalate
10 situations with non-violent citizens.

11 **Article II:** Military equipment shall be defined as all weapons, weapons systems,
12 vehicles, or munitions currently or previously used by any branch of the
13 U.S. armed forces or funded by the Department of Defense.

14 **Article III:** This bill shall go into effect at the end of Fiscal Year 2021.

15 **Article IV:** The enforcement of this legislation shall be overseen by the Department of
16 Defense.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Palm Beach Central High School

A Bill to Require Mental Screenings For Law Enforcement Every 6 Months

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

3 **Article I:** All law enforcement agents shall undergo mental screenings twice a year
4 to check if they are still mentally able to uphold the challenges of their job
5 depending on the state they are currently in mentally. An exception to the
6 twice a year requirement, is after a traumatic experience (ex. If there was
7 an instance where they were critically injured or close to death).

8 **Article II:** The term “mental screening” is defined as an exam of your emotional
9 health. It helps find out if you have a **mental** disorder.

10 **Article III:** This bill will become effective January 1st, 2023

11 **Article IV:** The U.S. Department of Justice will be responsible for enforcing this bill.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Park Vista Community High School

A Bill to Limit Congressional Terms

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

2 *assembled that:*

3 **Article I:** The House of Representatives as well as the Senate will hereby be limited
4 to serve a maximum of two terms in office.

5 **Article II:** Terms shall be defined as the number of times Senators and
6 Representatives can run for reelection.

7 **Article III:** This bill will be enacted upon the start of January 3, 2023.

8 **Article IV:** The Office of Congressional ethics will oversee the implementation of this
9 bill.

10 A) Each term in office shall be four years for both Congressional
11 chambers.

12 B) Congressional terms will be voted upon at the midterm elections.

13 **Article V:** All other laws in conflict with this new policy shall be null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Seminole Ridge Community High School

**A Resolution to Ban the Overbreeding of Laboratory Mice to
Reduce Medical Research Errors**

1 Whereas: Mice are mass-bred for the purposes of scientific research and
2 development, especially medical research; and
3 Whereas: studies have shown that the overbreeding of laboratory mice results in
4 genetic mutations wherein these mice inevitably develop cancer due to the
5 length of their telomeres; and
6 Whereas: knowingly overbreeding mice causing this genetic abnormality may have
7 caused fatal lapses in research; and
8 Whereas: appropriate breeding practices in laboratory mice will redress the genetic
9 tendency to shorten telomeres across generations of mice; and
11 Therefore, be it resolved by this Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League Student
12 Congress assembled here that: the overbreeding of laboratory mice shall
13 be discontinued, and scientific research and development laboratories shall
14 shall breed only the minimum number of mice necessary for vital research,
15 and reduce inbreeding to stem genetic abnormalities to the maximum
16 extent possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Saint John Paul II Academy

A Bill to Aid Pakistan

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

2 Article I: The US will allocate \$1 billion to the country of Pakistan. This aid will
3 work towards infrastructure within the country.

4 Article II: Infrastructure aid is defined as funding for public goods, such as water
5 systems and food distribution. The aid will also go towards improving
6 government agencies.

7 Article III: This bill shall be enacted on July 1, 2020.

8 Article IV: The US Department of State shall oversee the transfer of aid. USAID will
9 Oversee the distribution of aid, working with NGOs in the process.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Suncoast High School

A Bill Requiring Religious Institutions to Pay Taxes

1 Be it enacted by this student congress here assembled that:

2 **Article 1.** Religiously affiliated groups that have been awarded tax exemption status
3 by the Internal Revenue Service will be required to pay federal taxes.

4 **Article 2.** Currently churches and religious organizations qualify for exemption
5 from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3)
6 and are generally eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions. To
7 qualify for tax-exempt status, the organization must meet the following
8 requirements: (a) the organization must be organized and operated
9 exclusively for religious, educational, scientific or other charitable
10 purposes; (b) net earnings may not inure to the benefit of any private
11 individual or shareholder; (c) no substantial part of its activity may be
12 attempting to influence legislation; (d) the organization may not intervene
13 in political campaigns; and (e) the organization’s purposes and activities
14 may not be illegal or violate fundamental public policy.

15 **Article 3.** This bill will be enacted June 1, 2021.

16 **Article 4.** The Internal Revenue Service, a bureau of the U.S. Treasury Department,
17 will enforce this legislation.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Wellington High School

A Bill to Mandate the use of Renewable Energy for All Government-Owned Buildings.

1 Be it enacted by this student congress here assembled that:

2 **Article 1.** The state of Florida must make it required that all buildings owned by the
3 government must use renewable energy sources to power everything.

4 **Article 2.** Regardless of the location of the building, geothermal, wind, solar, or
5 hydroelectric power must be used to power 100% of all utilities in the
6 building. Location of the stations to absorb the power to power the
7 building will be specified at a later date.

8 **Article 3.** Individual states will enforce this bill with their state governments.
9 Buildings, Local, county, or state, will have 6 months to allocate funds in
10 order to initiate the building of these features in order to put them into
11 working order.

12 **Article 4.** The law will take effect November 1st, 2020.

13 **Article 5.** Any laws that interfere with this bill will be considered null and void at
14 the time of the passing of this bill.

Respected Submitted,

West Boca Raton Community High School

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

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

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

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

7 **Article III:** The U.S. Department of Energy shall oversee the implementation and
8 enforcement of this bill. The Phase out period of the use of Nuclear
9 Power shall commence immediately. No additional Nuclear Power Plants
10 shall be constructed. All Nuclear Power Plants shall be shut down
11 completely no later than five (5) years after the enactment of this bill.

12 **Article IV:** Each Nuclear Power Plant shall be identified and a Plan for the shutdown
13 designed by the facility and the U.S. Department of Energy. Such Plan
14 shall include the date of shutdown, a Plan for the safe disposal of the
15 waste products and a feasibility study of replacement power for the area in
16 which the facility provides energy for. The U.S. Federal Government shall
17 offer incentive tax credits to assist facilities in this process and to
18 encourage quick and efficient shutdown of the Nuclear Power Plants.

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

Respectfully submitted,

William T. Dwyer High School

