

The American Transportation Act of 2023

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

2 *assembled that:*

3 **Article I:** 1.5 trillion dollars will be invested over the next 10 years into building
4 new public transportation projects and repairing existing projects.

5 **Article II:** Public transportation shall be defined as any communal mode of transport
6 that can be used by the general public, such as subways, buses, light rails,
7 and commuter rails.

8 Funds will be allocated to each state based on traffic congestion ratings,
9 with states that have the highest vehicles per mile receiving the most
10 amount of investment

11 **Article III:** This legislation will take effect at the start of the Fiscal Year 2024.

12 **Article IV:** The Department of Transportation will oversee the implementation of this
13 bill.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dreyfoos School of the Arts

The Mexican Infrastructure Aid Against Cartels Act

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

3 Article I: The United States will supply the Mexican government with \$1 Billion
4 worth of infrastructure aid to combat drug cartels.

5 Article II: “Infrastructure aid” is defined as any distribution of capital between
6 countries for the purpose of improving the recipient country’s
7 infrastructure.

8 Article III: This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2023.

9 Article IV: USAID will oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

10 A. A yearly report will be written by the Secretary of State to assess the
11 impact of the aid.

12 B. Congress will meet yearly to evaluate if revoking aid is necessary or if
13 the aid is fulfilling its intended goals.

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

Respectfully submitted,

American Heritage Schools Palm Beach Campus

A Bill To Exempt Feminine Hygiene Products Associated With Menstruation From Taxation

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

3 Article I: For purposes of retail, feminine hygiene products associated with
4 menstruation will no longer be subject to taxation, be it a sales tax or
5 luxury tax, or any other indirect tax..

6 Article II: Feminine hygiene products shall be understood to mean all goods,
7 merchandise or products necessary for the personal health, safety and
8 cleanliness of an individual including tampons, sanitary pads, menstrual
9 cups, and sea sponges.

10 Article III: This bill will be enacted at the start of the Fiscal Year 2023.

11 Article IV: Implementation of this legislation will be overseen by the Internal
12 Revenue Service.

13 Article V: States that do not comply will lose 20% of their existing federal medicare
14 funding. States that comply with this piece of legislation will receive an
15 additional annual grant to their existing federal medicare funding levels.
16 Grants will be paid for by a .0007% tax on tobacco and alcohol products.

18 Article VI: All other laws in conflict with this new policy shall be null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

The Benjamin School

A Bill to Require All New Cars to Have Electric Motors

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

2 Congress here assembled that:

3 Article I: All new cars sold in the United States beginning January 1, 2030,
4 must be exclusively electric engine powered vehicles. The purpose
5 of said law is to reduce harmful emissions and air pollution that
6 contribute to climate change and smog.

7 Article II: An electric vehicle is defined as a vehicle which uses one or
8 more electric motors for propulsion. Emissions are defined as
9 the production and discharge of something, especially gas. Smog
10 is defined as air pollution that reduces visibility.

11 Article III: This bill will go into effect commencing January 1, 2030.

12 Article IV: The U.S. Department of Transportation will oversee the
13 implementation of this bill and will enforce all vehicle
14 companies to stop the selling of regular-fuel vehicles.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Cardinal Newman High School

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Make Education an Enumerated Right

1 Whereas: each state’s educational curriculums and standards are too varied;
2 and
3 Whereas: this variance creates an inability to accurately assess the
4 performance of students across the country; and
5 Whereas: unifying states with a common goal would improve the overall
6 welfare of future generations; and
7 Whereas: improved education in impoverished communities fosters better
8 careers; and
9 Whereas: this educational disparity negatively impacts the economy; and
10 Whereas: centralizing infrastructure will ensure more effective allocation of
11 funds;
12 Therefore, be it resolved by this Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League
13 Student Congress assembled here that: we amend the Constitution
14 to make education an enumerated right.

Respectfully submitted,

Clark Advanced Learning Center

A Bill to Enact Presumed Consent for Organ Donation

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

3 Article I: The United States shall adopt a policy of presumed consent regarding
4 organ donation.

5 Article II: Presumed consent shall be defined as giving permission for post-mortem
6 organ donation unless officially indicated otherwise.

7 Article III: This legislation will be overseen, enforced, and funded by the Health
8 Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

9 A) At the time of filing federal forms or applying for or renewing an
10 identification card, the applicant shall be deemed to have consented
11 to the anatomical donation of his or her organs and tissue upon the
12 determination of the applicant's legal death, unless the applicant
13 expressly elects not to be an organ tissue donor.

14 B) Legal guardians of citizens under 18 can opt out for dependents.

15 C) The HRSA shall be granted \$10 million to fund a public education
16 program. The program shall inform the American public of the
17 change in the system, as well as educate the public on what organ
18 donation is and what presumed consent means.

19 Article IV: This bill shall go into effect January 1, 2023.

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

Respectfully submitted,

FAU High School

A Bill to create an Outside Institution to Independently Investigate Accusations of Police Misconduct

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

2 *assembled that:*

3 **Article I:** The United States shall employ a new Independent Agency to investigate
4 police misconduct allegations

5 **Article II:** Police Misconduct will be defined as, “instances in which action by
6 a Police Officer was believed by a credible accuser to be out of line with
7 the expectations of the office.”

8 **Article III:** The Institution to Investigate Police Misconduct (IIPM) begins operation
9 January 20th 2023

10 **Article IV:** The Department of Justice will oversee the Organization and
11 Implementation of the IIPM

12 A) Police Departments are required to route all allegations to the IIPM

13 B) Police Departments are required to fully cooperate with the IIPM under
14 penalty of termination and probable prosecution

15 C) Police Officers found to be tampering with an investigation will be
16 receive the same treatment as an officer found guilty of the highest form
17 of misconduct

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

Respectfully submitted,

John I Leonard High School

A Bill to Employ the Incarcerated

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

3 **Article I:** Incarcerated people will be granted the opportunity to work outside of their
4 respective penitentiaries with top performing corporations, in an attempt to
5 stimulate the economy and provide rehabilitation services to the incarcerated.

6 **Article II:** “Penitentiaries” shall be defined as any federal institution with
7 the primary purpose of detaining, housing, and rehabilitating incarcerated
8 individuals. “Top performing corporation’s will be defined as any cooperation
9 earning more than \$300,000 in revenue per fiscal year.

10 **Article III:** This legislation will be implemented at the start of FY 2026.

11 **Article IV:** The Department of Labor shall oversee implementation of this legislation.

12 A) Every top performing corporation that hires 30 incarcerated
13 individuals will receive a 5% federal tax cut.

14 B) Tax cuts will increase by 2% for every 50 additional incarcerated
15 individuals hired.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Martin County High School

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution in order to Eliminate the Privilege of Presidential Pardon

1 Whereas: A presidential pardon is a right granted to the President of the United States by
2 the U.S. Constitution to forgive a person for a crime, or to excuse a person
3 convicted of a crime from punishment; and

4 Whereas: The president’s power to pardon is granted by Article II, Section 2, Clause 1 o
5 the Constitution; and

6 Whereas: Many Presidential pardons throughout history have caused major controversy;

7 Whereas: Pardons are unable to be reversed by anybody but the president; and

8 Whereas: The Pardon will be abolished to prevent future harmful impacts; and

9 Whereas: This resolution will go into effect following the November 5, 2024 election; ar

10 Whereas: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

11 Therefore, be it resolved by this Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League Student Congress

12 Assembled here that: United States constitution will be Amended to eliminate

13 the presidential pardon

Respectfully submitted,

Olympic Heights Community High School

A Resolution to Solve the Energy Crisis

1 Whereas: The decline of activity in the shale oil industry and fracking; and
2 Whereas: this decline has caused rising gas prices and energy costs in general;
3 Therefore, be it resolved by this Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League Student
4 Congress assembled here that: the United States government shall
5 cease its policy of funding foreign countries to instead give increased
6 funding to the Department of Energy to oversee the creation and
7 management of a federally-owned enterprise to extract and refine oil and
8 natural gas with an estimated 38 Billion USD from what-would-be foreign
9 aid transferred to the Department of Energy no later than 3rd October
10 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Palm Beach Central High School

A Bill to Provide Governmental Subsidies for U.S. Domestic Production

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

3 **Article I:** The U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) shall oversee the allocation of
4 100 billion dollars to incentivize U.S. based industries that are
5 engaging in manufacturing in China to base their production in the U.S.

6 **Article II:** A) Incentives shall include tax exemption based on the percentage of a
7 company's production on U.S. territory. Greater domestic production shall
8 equate to greater tax breaks as determined by the DOC.

9 B) U.S. Based Production shall be defined as meeting an employment
10 quotient of U.S. citizens on U.S. territory.

11 **Article III:** This piece of legislation shall go into effect on the fiscal year
12 of 2025 and shall be reassessed after 5 years for its efficacy and continual
13 funding.

14 **Article IV:** The Government Accountability Office (GAO) shall assess the bills
15 success and work to determine the percentage of a company's workforce
16 on U.S. land. This percentage will then be reported to the Department of
17 Commerce who will provide the percentage of tax exemption accordingly.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Park Vista Community High School

A Bill to End Judicial Treatment of Juveniles as Adults

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

3 Article I: The U.S. government will ban juvenile waivers and the use of adult
4 sentencing guidelines for federal crimes and will require reduction
5 programs.

6 Article II: Juveniles will be defined as persons under the age of eighteen (18) at the
7 time of offense. Evidence based recidivism program will be defined as any
8 program that is established, using empirical evidence, to reduce
9 juvenile recidivism rates. Juvenile waivers will be defined as the
10 automatic transfer of juvenile offenders to adult court.

11 Article III: This bill will be enacted in fiscal year (FY) 2025.

12 Article IV: The U. S. Department of Justice, and the Congressional Judiciary
13 Committee will oversee enforcement .

14 A) All juvenile cases tried as adults where the person is still a juvenile
15 will be reviewed to determine eligibility for Evidence-based Juvenile
16 Recidivism Reduction Program.

17 B) All juvenile cases tried as adults where the person remains
18 incarcerated as an adult will be reviewed to determine eligibility for
19 sentence modification.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Santaluces High School

A Bill to Ban Private Prisons

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

2 *assembled that:*

3 Article I: Private prisons shall no longer have their contracts renewed and detainees shall be
4 moved to government facilities.

5 Article II: Private prison shall be defined as any confinement center that is owned and operated by
6 a third party and is contracted by the local, state, and federal government to house
7 detainees.

8 Article III: This legislation shall be enacted January 1st, 2023.

9 Article IV: The Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Prisons will oversee the
10 implementations of this bill.

11 A. Imminent domain shall be used to purchase the private prisons currently being
12 used by the various levels of government at fair market value.

13 B. Funding for the purchase of the government prison facilities will come from
14 reallocating some of the federal police funding.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Seminole Ridge Community High School

A Bill to Sign Onto the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty

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

2 Article 1: Under this legislation, the United States will agree to the terms laid out in
3 the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT), reversing the
4 Senate's 1999 decision to maintain the testing of nuclear weaponry.

5 Article 2: The United States will sign onto the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban-
6 Treaty negotiated by the Conference of Disarmament in 1994 as means of
7 improving U.S. influence over states recognized as potential threats while
8 jointly securing international security and global tranquility. As 8 key
9 Nations are still required for the ratification of the CTBT, U.S. recognition
10 of the treaty would allow the nation to reclaim a now lost leadership
11 position in the global community.

11 Article 3: The implementation of this legislation will be January 1st, 2023.

12 Article 4: The State Department shall be in charge of overseeing the
13 implementation of this bill.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Spanish River Community High

A Resolution to Deny Diplomatic Immunity in the U.S.

1 Whereas: Article 31 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations states that
2 diplomats are immune to civil and criminal prosecution by the host
3 country, and defines the principles of diplomatic immunity; and

4 Whereas: 22 U.S. Code § 254d states that “Any action or proceeding brought against
5 an individual who is entitled to immunity with respect to such action or
6 proceeding [...] shall be dismissed;” and

7 Whereas: Diplomats living and/or visiting the U.S. have abused their privileges of
8 diplomatic immunity and, in some cases, have committed serious acts that
9 are in violation of U.S. law.

10 Therefore, be it resolved by this Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League Student
11 Congress assembled here that: Article 31 shall no longer be recognized by
12 the United States and any U.S. law granting diplomatic immunity are
13 hereby null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Suncoast High School

A Bill to Amend the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022

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

3 Article I: Congress shall amend the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022 by requiring
4 any company accepting federal money for an American technology project
5 to be prohibited from producing and/or manufacturing any new high-tech
6 capacity investments in China.

7 Article II: The “CHIPS and Science Act of 2022” is a law that increases domestic
8 production of computer chips, to allow the U.S. to become more
9 competitive against China in the global technology market. It provides
10 \$280 billion to both subsidize domestic semiconductor manufacturing and
11 invest billions in science and technology innovation, in a bid to strengthen
12 the United States’ competitiveness and self-reliance. A “semiconductor” is
13 a material with conductivity between an insulator and most metals. Its
14 primary usage is with modern-day electronics, such as transistors and
15 diodes. Semiconductors are integrated circuits used in production and
16 manufacturing in various electronic products.

17 Article III: This legislative amendment shall go into effect immediately.

18 Article IV: The United States Department of Commerce will oversee implementation
19 of this legislation.
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21 Article V: All laws in conflict with this new policy shall be null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Wellington High School