

**A RESOLUTION TO DENOUNCE THE SALE OF WEAPONS TO SAUDI ARABIA TO  
PROMOTE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST**

1   Whereas:     The State Department announced the potential sale of Military arms to Saudi  
2                    Arabia; and  
3   Whereas:     the sale of arms may harm innocent civilians and may fuel a regional arms race;  
4                    and  
5   Whereas:     The sale of arms may also contribute to the killing of innocent Yemen citizens, as  
6                    has occurred in the past and may be further perpetuated by an influx of weapons  
7                    into the region.  
8   Therefore,    be it resolved by this NCFL Student Congress here assembled that: this legislative  
9                    body vehemently disagrees with the proposed sale of weapons to the Saudi  
10                  Arabian military by the United States State Department.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*The Diocese of Allentown*

## **A Resolution to Privatize Space Exploration**

- 1   Whereas:     NASA has become increasingly wasteful while private space exploration  
2                    firms have made significant strides in advancing space technology; and  
3   Whereas:     Private space exploration companies such as SpaceX and Orbital have  
4                    more financial incentive to succeed than government agencies like NASA;  
5                    and  
6   Whereas:     NASA is abusing too many of the resources they are given on wasteful  
7                    projects that either fail or are quickly cancelled; and  
8   Whereas:     NASA would be better suited as a regulatory agency that oversees the  
9                    industry and distributes funding by awarding competitive contracts and  
10                  prizes for new advancements in space exploration.  
11   Therefore,    be it resolved this NCFL Student Congress here assembled move towards  
12                  subsidizing private firms that will handle American space exploration in  
13                  the future.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Diocese of Arlington*

**A BILL TO EXTEND CONCEALED CARRY RECIPROCITY TO  
ESTABLISH UNIFORM GUN RIGHTS THROUGHOUT THE NATION**

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

2 Article I: A person who is not prohibited by Federal Law from possessing,  
3 transporting, or receiving a firearm, who is carrying a valid ID and who is  
4 carrying a valid Concealed Carry License which is issued by a state, can  
5 carry or transport a pistol in all 50 states, Districts or Territories.

6 When the laws of any state permit private persons or private entities to  
7 prohibit or restrict the possession of concealed firearms on their property,  
8 this shall not be superseded or interfered with by the provisions of Article

9 Article II: A valid ID shall be defined as any photo identification, such as a driver's  
10 license or non-driver identification card, issued by the subject's state of  
11 residence.

12 Article III: This Legislation will go into effect January 1st, 2018.

13 Article IV: The A.T.F. will oversee the implementation of this bill.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*The Diocese of Baltimore*

**A BILL TO END GERRYMANDERING IN THE UNITED STATES**

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

2 Article I: According to Article One, Section Two of the United States Constitution,  
3 Congressional districts are redistricted every ten years. Districts will now  
4 be drawn by computer programs, not elected officials.

5 Article II: Gerrymandering will be defined as, “to manipulate the boundaries of (an  
6 electoral constituency) so as to favor one party or class”.

7 Article III: This bill shall go into effect immediately after its passing; districts will be  
8 redrawn every ten years according to the Constitution.

9 Article IV: The United States Census Bureau will oversee the enforcement of this bill.  
10 The United States Census Bureau will use the TIGER (Topologically  
11 Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing) program to draw the  
12 districts.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Diocese of Biloxi*

**A BILL TO INCENTIVIZE A SHIFT TO GREEN ENERGY BY INCREASING INVESTMENTS IN NUCLEAR ENERGY**

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

2 Article I: The United States will invest \$12 billion to stimulate the research,  
3 development, and implementation of new forms of nuclear energy.

4 Article II: ‘Stimulate’ means to increase.

5 Article III: This legislation shall take effect on July 1st, 2018.

6 Article IV: The Department of Energy, The Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and the  
7 Environmental Protection Agency shall oversee implementation of this  
8 legislation.

9 A. \$7 billion will be designated towards research pertaining to nuclear  
10 energy development and management.

11 B. \$5 billion dollars will be designated towards programs that will  
12 stimulate the refurbishment of current nuclear

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Archdiocese of Boston*

**A BILL TO IMPROVE TRADE AND RELATIONS WITH INDIA**

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

2 Article I: The United States shall make overtures to establish a free trade agreement  
3 with India along with an upgrade in diplomatic relations.

4 Article II: “Trade” will not be limited only to commerce or aid. “Diplomatic  
5 relations” will include bilateral cooperation and intelligence sharing.

6 Article III: This legislation will go into effect in fiscal year 2017.

7 Article IV: The Department of Defense and Commerce will assume responsibility for  
8 supervision of their respective parts of this legislation.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Diocese of Brooklyn*

**A BILL TO IMPLEMENT RIGHT-TO-TRY**

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

2 Article I: Terminally ill patients shall be allowed to try experimental therapies/drugs  
3 that have completed Phase 1 testing but have not been approved by the  
4 Food and Drug Administration.

5 Article II: A terminally ill patient is one who is sick with an illness that will kill  
6 them. All other options must be exhausted. The experimental  
7 therapies/drugs must complete the first phase of safety of the FDA which  
8 they describe as “Phase 1 studies,” which are usually conducted in healthy  
9 volunteers.

10 Article III: This bill shall take effect immediately after passage.

11 Article IV: The implementation of this bill shall be overseen by the U.S. Department  
12 of Health and Human Services.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*The Archdiocese of Chicago*

**A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE RESEARCH FUNDING INTO GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS**

1   Whereas:     Genetically modified organisms are organisms whose genetic material has been  
2                   altered using genetic engineering techniques; and  
3   Whereas:     There has been a great wealth of research into genetically modified organisms,  
4                   but there are widely varying conclusions regarding their safety status; and  
5   Whereas:     Genetically modified organisms are being included in a majority of food products  
6                   in United States and world; and  
7   Whereas:     If genetically modified organisms are found to be harmful, their consumers are  
8                   being put at health risk.  
9   Therefore,    be it resolved by this NCFL Student Congress here assembled that: the amount of  
10                 United States federal funding going toward research into genetically modified  
11                 organisms shall hereby be increased substantially. The amount and allocation of  
12                 this funding shall be determined by the Department of Agriculture

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Diocese of Cleveland*



**A RESOLUTION TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF STUDENT DEBT**

1   Whereas:     Student debt has effectively crippled many prospective college students and also  
2                   those who have already began or finished attending a college; and  
3   Whereas:     Loans offered by the government have overly high interest rates; and  
4   Whereas:     Students are turned away from college since they will be in debt for years to  
5                   come, or decide to go to college and create debt for years to come; and  
6   Whereas:     We are falling in world education rankings because of our decrease in the quality  
7                   of our post-secondary education.  
8   Therefore,    be it resolved by this NCFL Student Congress here assembled that: the Higher  
9                   Education Act of 1965 be repealed.  And, be it  
10 Further Resolved, that: certain aspects of post-secondary education be subsidized to increase the  
11                   number of grants offered.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Diocese of Erie*

**A RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE COMPULSORY VOTING IN THE UNITED STATES**

1   Whereas:     Voter participation in the United States has increasingly dipped in the past twenty  
2                    years, proving to be one of the lowest turnouts in any developed nation; and  
3   Whereas:     Protecting the integrity of American politics as well as promoting diverse voting  
4                    in the United States to represent its equally diverse population is enabled by  
5                    mandatory voting; and  
6   Whereas:     Compulsory voting offers the potential to eliminate the polarization in politics;  
7                    and  
8   Whereas:     Compulsory voting drives constituent representation away from the extremes,  
9                    forcing politicians to become more responsive and representative of younger,  
10                  poorer, less educated Americans who currently don't vote; and  
11   Whereas:     Other initiatives to increase voting done by state-by-state initiatives such as  
12                  stricter ID laws have proven ineffective in increasing voter turnout,  
13   Therefore,    be it resolved by this NCFL Student Congress here assembled that:  compulsory  
14                  voting be enforced in order to better represent the American public.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Diocese of Green Bay*

**A BILL TO ALLOW FELONS TO  
VOTE AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THEIR SENTENCE**

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

2 ARTICLE I: The government of the United States shall allow felons to vote in  
3 all states following the completion of their sentence.

4 ARTICLE II: Felon shall be defined as a criminal convicted of any crime that is  
5 legally considered to be a felony. Sentence shall be defined as the  
6 final explicit act of a judge-ruled process, including imprisonment,  
7 parole, and any other sentence delivered by a judge.

8 ARTICLE III: This legislation will be implemented immediately after passage.

9 ARTICLE IV: The implementation of this legislation will be overseen by the  
10 Department of Justice.

11 ARTICLE V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null  
12 and void.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Harrisburg Diocese*

**A BILL TO INCENTIVIZE STUDENTS TO FOLLOW THE PATH TO HIGHER EDUCATION**

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

2 Article I: Congress increase the amount of federal subsidies that are provided to  
3 colleges, trade schools, and four-year institutions to decrease the burden of  
4 tuition on students.

5 Article II: The use of grants and subsidies will be given to these schools with the  
6 understanding that tuition will be lowered. Four-year institutions will be  
7 considered any university that focuses on giving students the opportunity  
8 to earn a degree in various areas of study.

9 Article III: This will be implemented in Fiscal Year 2020.

10 Article IV: The State Department will work with the Department of Education to  
11 ensure that there is complete oversight of the use of these funds.

12 A. There will be an increase in the budget for education of \$120 billion,  
13 divided among each school that meets the designated requirements.

14 B. If a university does not comply, they will forfeit any state funding that  
15 they receive and private institutions will face a tax on 40% on their  
16 total revenue.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Diocese of Houston-Galveston*

**A BILL TO PHASE OUT THE FEDERAL USE OF PRIVATE PRISONS**

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

2 Article I: The United States federal government will phase out the use of private  
3 prisons and/or for-profit prisons.

4 Article II: A private prison or for-profit prison shall be defined as a place in which  
5 individuals are physically confined or incarcerated by a third party that is  
6 contracted by a government agency. Phase out shall be defined as the act  
7 of discontinuing a process or project.

8 Article III: Immediately from passage, every year the United States will reduce the  
9 number of prisoners in private prisons by 20% from the number at the  
10 time of passage. Therefore in five years, the use of private prisons shall be  
11 completed phased out.

12 A. All contracts with private prison corporations shall be terminated and  
13 no new contracts shall be implemented.

14 Article IV: The United States Department of Justice, along with the Federal Bureau of  
15 Prisons, shall be charged with the implementation of this bill.

16 B. \$500 million will be allocated to fund the transportation of prisoners to  
17 federal prisons and to ensure building new federal prisons as may be  
18 necessary.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Diocese of Lafayette*

**A BILL TO SANCTION THE PHILIPPINES**

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

2 Article I: The United States of America shall immediately impose economic  
3 sanctions on the Philippines.

4 Article II: Economic Sanctions are defined as: The United States will not allow the  
5 importation of consumer products from the Philippines and will encourage  
6 others to join us in this embargo. The United States will prohibit the  
7 export of any and all consumer products, industrial equipment,  
8 technology, and resources to the Philippines. The United States will  
9 immediately suspend the transfer of any military aid and assistance to the  
10 Philippines and will encourage others to join us.

11 Article III: This legislation will go into effect upon passage.

12 Article IV: The State Department shall be in charge of implementing and enforcing  
13 these sanctions. The State Department may consider lifting the sanctions if  
14 the following two conditions are met:

15 A. Representatives of the Philippines have delivered to the President of  
16 the United States a plan for future improvement in protecting human  
17 rights.

18 B. Amnesty International and /or Human Rights Watch report that the  
19 Philippines has made significant improvement in its human right  
20 record.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*(Arch)Diocese of Los Angeles*

**A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO ABOLISH THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE**

1   Whereas:     Multiple presidents have been elected into office without gaining the  
2                   popular vote; and  
3   Whereas:     This has led to millions of people losing any form of voice in the  
4                   presidential election; and  
5   Whereas:     Abolishing the Electoral College would lead to equal voting power for  
6                   everyone across America, and would stop the election from being decided  
7                   by a few ‘battleground’ states.  
8   Therefore,    be it resolved by two-thirds of this NCFL Student Congress here  
9                   assembled, that the following article is proposed as an amendment to the  
10                  Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and  
11                  purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of  
12                  three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its  
13                  submission by the Congress:

ARTICLE ---

15                SECTION 1: With the passing of this amendment, the Electoral College  
16                               shall hereby be abolished and the electoral process shall be  
17                               determined by the national popular vote.

18                SECTION 2: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by  
19                               appropriate legislation.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Archdiocese of Louisville*

**A RESOLUTION TO REDUCE THE NUCLEAR ARSENAL OF THE UNITED STATES**

1   Whereas:     the proliferation of nuclear weapons are stifling to international relations; and  
2   Whereas:     this proliferation has led to an unnecessary number of nuclear weapons; securing  
3                 the benefits of mutually assured destruction several times over, despite the virtual  
4                 certainty that they will never be used again; and  
5   Whereas:     conflicts currently faced by the United States cannot be resolved with the use of  
6                 nuclear weapons; and  
7   Whereas:     the financial resources required to maintain and/or replace nuclear weapons could  
8                 be utilized in far better places in the federal budget.  
9   Therefore,    be it resolved by this NCFL Student Congress here assembled that: steps should  
10                be taken to reduce our nuclear arsenal while preserving national security

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Diocese of Milwaukee*



**A RESOLUTION TO END TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS**

1   Whereas:     The First Amendment of the United States Constitution establishes that Congress  
2                   shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion; and  
3   Whereas:     Current Internal Revenue Service (IRS) tax exemptions for religious institutions  
4                   are too vague and exploitable; and  
5   Whereas:     Roughly 300,000 religious congregations are currently registered as charitable  
6                   institutions in the United States; and  
7   Whereas:     These entities spend, on average, 71% of their annual income on operational  
8                   expenses rather than charity; and  
9   Whereas:     Tax exemption for religious institutes results in over \$70 billion in tax subsidies  
10                  yearly; and  
11   Whereas:     This money could be put towards publically-subsidized education programs,  
12                  veteran’s affairs, etc.;

13   Therefore,    be it resolved by this NCFL Student Congress here assembled that the IRS  
14                  remove tax-exempt status from all religiously-affiliated institutions in the United  
15                  States.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Diocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis*

**A BILL TO AUTHORIZE LETTERS OF MARQUE AND REPRISAL IN CYBER CONFLICT**

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

2 Article I: Congress hereby authorizes the President of the United States to issue  
3 letters of marque and reprisal to respond to, or prevent, certain acts of  
4 cyber-attack upon critical infrastructures of the United States, and other  
5 similar acts of hostility committed in the future.

6 Article II: Letters of Marque and Reprisal are defined by Article I, Sec. 8 cl. 11 of  
7 the Constitution of the United States.

8 Article III: This legislation will go into effect at the start of Fiscal Year 2019.

9 Article IV: The President is authorized to commission, under officially issued letters  
10 of marque and reprisal, so many of privately equipped persons and entities  
11 as, in his/her judgment, the Department of Defense or U.S. Intelligence  
12 Community may require, with suitable instructions and compensation to  
13 the leaders thereof, to employ electronic eavesdropping and intelligence  
14 gathering, computer network attack (CNA), computer network  
15 exploitation (CNE) and all electronic or digital means reasonably  
16 necessary to attribute, stop, disrupt, deceive, or otherwise render  
17 ineffective cyber-attacks conducted by unprivileged enemy belligerents  
18 outside the geographic boundaries of the United States and its territories,  
19 of any co-conspirator, and of any conspirator who are responsible for  
20 cyber-attacks or aggressions perpetrated against the United States.

21 Article V: All other laws in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be declared  
22 null and void.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Archdiocese of New York*

**A BILL TO AID REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE UNITED STATES**

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

2 Article I: In response to the Syrian Refugee Crisis, the United States shall:

3 A. Send \$1 billion in humanitarian and economic aid annually to each of  
4 the following countries, over the course of the next five years: Jordan,  
5 Lebanon, and Turkey.

6 B. Increase the US cap for Syrian refugees accepted annually to 50,000.

7 Article II: Humanitarian and economic aid shall be defined as aid used specifically to  
8 better the lives of the Syrian refugees living within the aforementioned  
9 countries. Aid can be used to construct transportation infrastructure,  
10 medical facilities, schools, refugee camps, wells, and to help acquire food,  
11 water, electricity, and other necessary resources.

12 Article III: This legislation will be implemented in FY 2018.

13 Article IV: USAID will oversee the distribution of funds and ensure that allocated  
14 funds are used appropriately. If misuse is detected, then USAID will  
15 rescind all aid from the country in which misuse was detected.

16 A. The Departments of State, Department of Homeland Security,  
17 Department of Defense, and Department of Health and Human  
18 Services will oversee the resettlement of refugees into the United  
19 States.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Archdiocese of Newark*

**A BILL TO ADDRESS PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION ADDICTION**

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

2 Article I: A national registry will be created to file certified practitioners'  
3 prescriptions and track a patient's overall use of those prescriptions. All  
4 certified practitioners who prescribe drugs requiring a prescription must  
5 report any prescriptions they issue to the national database as well as any  
6 subsequent follow-up visits with the patient in regards to how much of that  
7 prescription they used.

8 Article II: A certified practitioner is a medical professional that, as per each state's  
9 laws governing legal prescription disbursement, may prescribe medication for  
10 their patients. Certified practitioners must also concurrently hold a valid,  
11 non-expired medical license. Prescription medication will be defined as  
12 pharmaceutical drugs obtained by a certified practitioner's prescription.  
13 The national registry consists of a nationwide computer database with the  
14 information as detailed in Section 1. This registry can only be accessed by  
15 the appropriate entities prescribing medication or their designated agents  
16 who are approved and employed by the owner(s) of a medical practice and  
17 also approved by the state departments of health. An offending year shall  
18 be defined as a calendar year in which doctors do not report all  
19 prescriptions issued to the national database.

20 Article III: This piece of legislation will be implemented beginning on January 1,  
21 2019.

22 Article IV: The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the  
23 setup and administration of the national registry with assistance from the

24 U.S. Surgeon General's office and the state departments of health in  
25 gathering this data. Go into further details if necessary.

26 A. Any legal entity required to report a prescription which does not  
27 comply with the prescription reporting section of this legislation will  
28 be fined beginning January 1 2021.

- 29 a. On the first offending year the entity will be fined \$500.
- 30 b. On the second offending year the entity shall be fined \$1500.
- 31 c. On any subsequent offending years, the entity shall be fined  
32 \$2500 in addition to an extra \$1000 for any following years in  
33 offense.

34 B. The Drug Enforcement Agency shall enforce articles 1(B), 2(D), and  
35 3(B) through targeted audits with substantive due process.

36 C. Any state that does not aid in the creation of the national registry or  
37 any other aspect of this legislation by January 1, 2021 will see a  
38 curtailment to its federal medical research grants by 75%.

39 D. The US Department of Health and Human Services (DHHSd) shall be  
40 allocated \$500,000,000 as a onetime grant to create the registry.

- 41 a. \$25,000,000 shall be provided per year to the DHHS to  
42 administer and conduct maintenance on the registry.
- 43 b. \$10,000,000 shall be provided per year to the DEA to enforce  
44 and enact its powers granted by this legislation.

45 Article V: All other laws in conflict with this new policy shall be hereby declared  
46 null and void.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Archdiocese of Omaha*

**A Bill to Transfer Control of the Federal Minimum Wage to the Federal Reserve**

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

2 Article I: The Federal Reserve shall assume control over the federal minimum wage.

3 States are hereby barred from altering their state minimum wage from that  
4 of the federal minimum wage.

5 Article II: Title 29, Subsection A, part 42 shall be altered to make the Federal  
6 Reserve the top authority over the federal minimum wage.

7 Article III: This bill shall go into effect at the beginning of the fiscal year 2019.

8 Article IV: The Department of Labor and the Federal Reserve shall be responsible for  
9 the implementation of this legislation.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Diocese of Orlando*

**A Resolution to Establish a Safe Zone in Syria**

1       Whereas,       Conflict between parties in the Syrian Civil War has caused the  
2                       destruction of lives and an unparalleled refugee crisis; and  
3       Whereas,       Operations by the Islamic State, Bashar al-Assad, Kurdish forces, and  
4                       Syrian rebel forces have made Syria a war zone where nobody is safe, and  
5                       something needs to be done to protect the people of Syria; and  
6       Whereas,       Current policy by the United States government needs to be reformed;  
7       Therefore,     be it resolved that the President of the United States be urged by this  
8                       congress to establish a safe zone and no-fly zone in northern Syria; and, be  
9                       it  
10      Further Resolved, That the United States Department of State, in conjunction with the  
11                      United States Agency for International Development (USAID), allocate  
12                      and distribute 200 million dollars of humanitarian aid, per year for 5 years,  
13                      in the form of medical aid, water sanitation capabilities, and shelter, to the  
14                      established safe zone; and be it  
15      Further Resolved, That the United States deploy 10,000 soldiers, and request an  
16                      additional 10,000 soldiers from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization  
17                      (NATO) to enforce the safe zone and no-fly zone.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Diocese of Palm Beach

**A BILL TO END AGRICULTURAL SUBSIDIES**

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

2 Article I: The current subsidies that are provided to approximately one million  
3 farmers, and which total about \$25 Billion, will be ended.

4 Article II: Agricultural subsidies are defined as payments by the federal government  
5 to producers of agricultural products for the purpose of supplementing  
6 their incomes, and balancing the agricultural industry.

7 Article III: This legislation will go into effect in Fiscal Year 2019.

8 Article IV: This will be overseen by the Department of Agriculture. The surplus  
9 money will be invested in safer environmental practices, to be determined  
10 at the discretion of the Department of Agriculture.

11 Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation shall hereby declared null and  
12 void.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Archdiocese of Philadelphia*



**A BILL TO TEMPORARILY BAN FRACKING**

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

2 Article I: The United States will ban the practice of hydraulic fracturing.

3 Article II: Hydraulic fracturing is defined as the practice of drilling down a distance  
4 equal to or exceeding one mile into the earth and injecting a water mixture  
5 at a high pressure in order to extract gas and oil from shale rock.

6 Article III: This bill will take effect 180 days after passage and shall remain in effect  
7 for two years after enactment.

8 Article IV: The Department of Justice will oversee enforcement of this legislation.

9 A. All corporations and individuals found guilty of actions in violation of  
10 the aforementioned restrictions shall be subject to a fine not exceeding  
11 \$10,000,000 and/or jail time not exceeding five years for appropriate  
12 parties

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Diocese of Pittsburgh*

**A BILL TO ABOLISH PRIVATE PRISONS TO RESTORE EQUALITY IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM**

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

2 Article I: Private prisons are hereby banned. The privatization of prisons by both the  
3 takeover of existing public facilities as well as the building and operation  
4 of new and additional prisons by for-profit companies is also banned.

5 Article II: “Private prisons” shall be defined as places in which individuals are  
6 physically confined or incarcerated by a third party contracted by a  
7 government agency.

8 Article III: This legislation shall go into effect immediately.

9 Article IV: The Federal Bureau of Prisons shall oversee this legislation’s  
10 implementation.

11 A. The Bureau of Prisons has four options to implement today’s  
12 legislation: They will immediately terminate future construction of  
13 private prisons on both the state and federal level, mandate that all  
14 private prisoners are moved from private to public facilities by January  
15 1, 2020, complete construction of new public facilities by January 1,  
16 2022, or have the Bureau of Prisons take control of existing private  
17 facilities by canceling the contracts given out.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Diocese of Portland, ME*

**A BILL TO ENABLE TEACHER SUCCESS TO ENSURE STUDENT EXCELLENCE**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 Article I: The system of teacher tenure will be phased out in public schools over the next 4 years.  
3 Teachers will receive bi-yearly student portfolio reviews based on the Tennessee Growth  
4 Measurement System. A base pay will be set for all public school teachers at \$72,036  
5 and tied to inflation. States will be required to pay \$50,000; the remainder will be  
6 federally subsidized by the established fund. Establishing a 2017 Repatriation tax holiday  
7 of 15% shall fill this fund.

8 Article II: A. Bi-yearly student portfolio review will be defined as a way of reviewing teacher  
9 performance that relies on the review of student portfolios rather than test scores. Work is  
10 collected through the year and shows yearlong progress. The bi-yearly review allows for  
11 comparison to other teachers and allows for the identification of whether the problem is  
12 with the student or the teacher

13 B. "Teacher Tenure" shall be defined as a policy that restricts the ability to fire teachers,  
14 requiring a "just cause" rationale for firing.

15 C. A "repatriation tax holiday" is a tax holiday specifically directed towards individuals  
16 and businesses in one country that repatriate to that country income earned in other  
17 countries

18 Article III: The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the U.S. Department of State as well as the U.S.  
19 Department of Education shall be responsible for the enforcement of this bill.

20 A. The IRS and the Department of State will collaborate to establish the tax holiday and  
21 ensure the collection of the tax.

22 B. The Department of Education will distribute the funds to teachers and reduce federal  
23 funding to states by twice the amount it would cost to raise teacher pay in the event  
24 that states do not meet their minimum payment requirement.

25 Article IV: This bill will go into effect the academic year of 2019-2020

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*The Diocese of Raleigh*

**A RESOLUTION TO CONDEMN THE BDS MOVEMENT TO  
PROTECT THE LEGITIMACY OF ISRAEL AND TO FORGE PEACE IN THE  
MIDDLE EAST**

1 Whereas: the BDS Movement is one of the main vehicles for spreading anti-  
2 Semitism and advocating for the elimination of the Jewish state;  
3 and  
4 Whereas: the BDS Movement is inherently antithetical and deeply damaging  
5 to the causes of peace, justice, equality, democracy, and human  
6 rights for all peoples in the Middle East; and  
7 Whereas: the BDS Movement further destabilizes the Middle East and  
8 promotes the continued degradation of Israeli-Palestinian relations;  
9 and  
10 Whereas: condemning the BDS Movement will further enable this  
11 government to protect our ally, Israel, and to enhance prosperity  
12 and opportunity for all peoples in the Middle East.  
13 Therefore, be it resolved that the NCFL Student Congress here assembled  
14 make the following recommendation to condemn the BDS  
15 Movement.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Diocese of Rockville Centre*

**A BILL TO REQUIRE CANDIDATES TO RELEASE THEIR TAX RETURNS**

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

2 Article I: All nominees for federal elected office will be required to release their  
3 three most recent years of federal tax returns.

4 Article II: “Federal elected office” is defined as President of the United States, Vice  
5 President of the United States, United States Senator, and Representative  
6 to the United States House of Representatives.

7 Article III: This legislation shall take effect immediately upon ratification.

8 Article IV: Candidates shall submit their tax returns to the Federal Election  
9 Commission (FEC).

10 A. The FEC shall post the tax returns on a publicly accessible website.

11 B. The FEC is allowed to impose a \$15,000 fee on nominees who do not  
12 submit their tax returns by one month prior to the general election day.

13 C. The FEC is permitted to redact the nominee’s Social Security Number  
14 before publishing the tax returns.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Scranton Diocese*

**A BILL TO REQUIRE CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL TO  
AMEND THE TERROR WATCH LIST**

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

2 Article I: The inclusion or removal of a person, or organization, to the terror watch  
3 list will henceforth require congressional approval.

4 Article II: Terror watch list refers to an accumulation of people, both foreign and  
5 domestic, who are suspected of consulting about or preparing for  
6 terrorism.

7 Article III: The above provisions will take effect on January 1, 2018.

8 Article IV: The United States Congress, in conjunction with the Department of  
9 Homeland Security, will assume the responsibilities for the  
10 implementation of the above provisions.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Diocese of Saint Augustine*

**THE JUSTICE REFORM ACT OF 2017**

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

2 Article I: Steps shall be taken to improve justice in America.

3 Article II: A. \$2.5 billion annually shall be allocated amongst all states and  
4 territories, proportional to population, to allow for the hiring and proper  
5 salary increase of public defenders in every legal jurisdiction.

6 B. Bail for misdemeanor offenses shall not be imposed at greater than 1%  
7 of the defendant's annual income in any legal jurisdiction. Bail for felony  
8 offenses shall not be imposed at greater than 5% of the defendant's annual  
9 income in any legal jurisdiction.

10 C. Forensic hair analysis, bite mark analysis, and fingerprint analysis shall  
11 not be admissible as evidence in any court of any legal jurisdiction.

12 Article III: Sections 2B and 2C shall be enforced immediately upon passage. Funding  
13 specified in Section 2A shall be first allocated on October 1, 2017.

14 Article IV: A. The Department of Justice shall be responsible for enforcing the  
15 provisions of this bill.

16 B. Any legal jurisdiction not in compliance with the provisions of this bill  
17 shall be ineligible for 50% of all federally-provided justice-related  
18 funding, and all funding under this bill.

19 Article V: State that all other laws in conflict with this new policy shall hereby  
20 declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*(Arch)Diocese of St. Petersburg*

**A BILL TO DENOUNCE THE ACTIONS OF THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT**

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

2 Article I: The Government of the Philippines shall be castigated for its blatant  
3 human rights abuses.

4 Article II: The Terms will be referred to committee in the case of ambiguity.

5 Article III: This bill will be implemented on October 1<sup>st</sup> 2017.

6 Article IV: This shall be enforced by the State Department and Senate Security  
7 Committee.

8 A. An absolute embargo on all goods from and to the Philippines

9 B. No US citizens may invest or accept investment in and from said  
10 nation.

11 C. This Congress will suggest and promote the enactment of similar  
12 legislation by allied nations.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Diocese of Wheeling/Charleston*



**A RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE THE UNITED STATES' PUBLIC PROSECUTORS**

1   Whereas:     The election of public prosecutors has led to corruption within the criminal justice  
2                    system, and  
3   Whereas:     The connections prosecutors have lead to mis-ruled cases and bias in the system,  
4                    and  
5   Whereas:     Electing prosecutors allows for decisions that are not necessarily ethical or  
6                    correct, and  
7   Whereas:     The only way to solve this problem is to amend and improve the way the United  
8                    States chooses its prosecutors.  
9   Therefore,    be it resolved by this NCFL Student Congress here assembled make a  
10                 recommendation that prosecutors not be elected in state or federal criminal courts.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Archdiocese of Winona*

**A BILL TO IMPLEMENT A CARBON TAX**

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

2 Article I: A tax of \$20 per metric ton shall be imposed on all carbon dioxide  
3 emissions. All revenue shall be directed towards climate mitigation  
4 programs.

5 Article II: Climate mitigation programs shall include measures to protect settlements  
6 from extreme weather events and restore environmental damage. The tax  
7 shall be indexed to the Consumer Price Index.

8 Article III: This legislation shall take effect one year after its passage.

9 Article IV: The Environmental Protection Agency shall be responsible for the  
10 implementation of this legislation.

11 A. The Federal Emergency Management Agency shall be responsible for  
12 disaster relief covered under climate mitigation programs.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Diocese of Worcester*