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## **A Bill to Create Universal Health Savings Accounts to Reduce Medical Inflation**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will require that health insurance companies include a  
3 Health Savings Account (HSA) component in all plans offered.

4 **SECTION 2.** A health savings account allows health insurance policyholders to set  
5 aside money on a pre-tax basis to pay for qualified medical expenses.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will oversee the  
7 implementation of this legislation.

8 A. This requirement also applies to all Medicare and Medicaid health  
9 insurance plans.

10 B. Policyholders will have the option to contribute additional funds to  
11 their HSA.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on March 1, 2026.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Bay City High School.*

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## **A Bill to Grant Tax Cuts to Companies that Package Their Product in Post-Consumer Recycled Packaging to Promote Eco-Friendly Practices**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The state government will offer a 15% corporate income tax cut to  
3 companies that package their product in at least 80% post-consumer  
4 recycled packaging to promote sustainability and environmental  
5 conservation.

6 **SECTION 2.** Post-consumer recycled packaging will be defined as material that is  
7 made from the items that consumers recycle every day such as  
8 aluminum, cardboard, paper, and plastic.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Internal Revenue Service  
10 (IRS), and the Department of Commerce will be jointly responsible for the  
11 implementation of this legislation.

12 A. The EPA will create a program to ensure that companies that  
13 manufacture post-consumer recycled packaging are receiving the  
14 necessary materials to do so from reliable sources.

15 B. The IRS will be responsible for ensuring that qualifying companies  
16 receive the 15% corporate income tax cut

17 C. The Department of Commerce will provide oversight to companies  
18 that claim to use post-consumer recycled packaging.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by El Campo High School.*

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## **A Bill to Ban Dark Kitchens in the United States to Ensure the Security of the American People's Health and Well-Being**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government will remove and prohibit dark kitchens.

3 No delivery service and/or restaurant may be partnered with a dark kitchen.

4 **SECTION 2.** A dark kitchen is a business, operating from low-rent or noncommercial  
5 premises, that prepares food ordered online for direct delivery to customers.

6 Well-being is the state of being comfortable, healthy, or prosperous.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will oversee the implementation of  
8 this Bill.

9 A. The FDA will establish a taskforce to provide yearly inspections of  
10 establishments associated with, or suspected to be associated with, dark  
11 kitchens.

12 B. All food delivery services and/or restaurants will have 30 days after  
13 implementation to terminate partnerships with dark kitchens. Any  
14 restaurants or delivery services found to still be in cooperation with any  
15 dark kitchens after the enforcement of this legislation will receive a fine of  
16 \$150,000, and their facilities and operating license will be suspended until  
17 the termination of any established partnership.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented on December 31, 2025.

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

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

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## **A Bill to Mandate that all Federal Elected Officials place their Assets in a Blind Trust for their Term of Office**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States government will require all U.S. federal elected officials  
3 to place all investable assets in a Blind Trust for the duration of their  
4 terms of office, U.S. These elected officials will have no control or  
5 visibility into the investments of these assets while in the blind trust.

6 **SECTION 2.** U.S. Federal Elected officials will be defined as all Congressmen, Senators,  
7 President and Vice President. Investable Assets will include all  
8 Investments in including all Stocks, bonds and real estate exceeding a  
9 Value of \$5,000.

10 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will be enforced by the Department of Treasury.

11 **A.** Failure to comply will be immediate grounds for impeachment.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take affect beginning with the 2025 fiscal year.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Victoria East High School.*

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# A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Establish a Maximum Age Limit for the Office of the President of the United States

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

2 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the UIL Congress here assembled, that the following  
3 article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United  
4 States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the  
5 Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the  
6 several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the  
7 Congress:

8 **ARTICLE --**

9 **SECTION 1:** A presidential candidate shall be no older than 60 years of age on the  
10 date of the national election. The candidate may not run for a second  
11 term if they surpass the age of 60 while serving in the office of the  
12 President of the United States.

13 **SECTION 2:** The same rules shall apply to the candidate chosen as the Vice-  
14 Presidential running mate.

15 **SECTION 3:** The only exception shall be if the Vice President assumes the office of  
16 President in the middle of the 4 years to which they were elected. After  
17 which time they will be held to the same age limits detailed herein.

18 **SECTION 4:** The UIL Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate  
19 legislation.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by El Campo High School.*

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## **A Bill to Implement an Excise Tax on Companies that Manufacture, Distribute, or Sell Junk Food**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** A 10% excise tax shall be implemented on companies that manufacture,  
3 distribute, or sell junk food to promote healthier eating habits and reduce  
4 the consumption of unhealthy foods among the population.

5 **SECTION 2.** Junk food is any food or beverage containing more than 400 calories per  
6 100 grams and providing minimal essential nutrients. Minimal refers to  
7 providing less than 5% of the daily recommended intake for essential  
8 nutrients, such as vitamins, minerals, protein, or dietary fiber, per 100  
9 grams of the product.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will oversee the enforcement of this  
11 excise tax.

12 A. Companies found in violation of this tax, such as underreporting or  
13 failing to pay the tax, will be subject to a penalty of 25% of the unpaid  
14 tax amount.

15 B. Funds collected from this tax will be allocated to public health  
16 initiatives, including programs aimed at reducing obesity and  
17 promoting healthy eating in schools and communities.

18 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2026.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Karnes City High School.*

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## A Bill to Restrict the Use of Artificially Created Dye

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Artificially created dyes will be restricted to less than 5 mg per serving in  
3 all products intended for human and animal consumption that are  
4 produced and/or sold in the United States

5 **SECTION 2.** Food dye is not necessary for taste nor nutrition. It is known that many of  
6 the most commonly used dyes are hazardous carcinogens and are not  
7 approved for use in cosmetics. These dyes include, but are not limited to:  
8 Red 40, Red 3, Yellow 5, and Yellow 6.

9 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration will oversee the enforcement of  
10 this bill.

11 **A.** They will do routine checks on food processing facilities.

12 **B.** All companies found to not be in compliance after the effective date  
13 will be fined \$100,000 per production facility.

14 **C.** After 3 noncompliant findings, a facility will be deemed unsafe and  
15 closed until they bring their production standards into compliance.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect January 1, 2030.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Van Vleck High School.*

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## **A Bill to End Legacy and Donation Preference in College Admissions**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Post-secondary institutions across the United States are prohibited from  
3 considering an applicant's legacy or donation status in admissions  
4 decisions for undergraduate and graduate programs.

5 **SECTION 2.** Donation status refers to the consideration of financial contributions  
6 made by an applicant's family. Legacy status refers to an applicant whose  
7 parent or family member has previously attended the institution to which  
8 the applicant is applying. Post-secondary institutions are educational  
9 institutions that offer education beyond the high school level. This  
10 includes public colleges and universities that receive federal or state  
11 funding.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall investigate any higher education  
13 institutions that are accused of infringing on this piece of legislation.  
14 Higher education institutions found to be violating this legislation will  
15 have their federal funding cut.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect at the beginning of the 2025-2026 academic  
17 year.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Karnes City High School.*

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## A Resolution to Amend the Copyright Act to Include Copyright Protection Over Haute Couture

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   Haute Couture is high fashion, artistic work and not protected in the  
2                    Copyright Act; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**   The Copyright Act is intended to protect original, artistic work; and  
4                    despite being artistic creations, Haute Couture designs are not protected  
5                    due to insufficient copyright protection in the fashion industry; and
- 6   **WHEREAS,**   Haute Couture designs are not protected by the Copyright Act, leaving  
7                    the Haute Couture designers vulnerable to unauthorized replication; and
- 8   **WHEREAS,**   Increasing copyright protections in Haute Couture fashion would  
9                    encourage and protect designers’ intellectual property; now, therefore,  
10                  be it
- 11   **RESOLVED,**   That the UIL Congress here assembled amend and expand the Copyright  
12                  Act to include protection over Haute Couture fashion designs.

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

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## **A Bill to Ban the Filming of Minors to Produce Financial Gain**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall enact a ban of online content intended to draw  
3 revenue that contains minors.

4 **SECTION 2.** This legislation will apply to any pictures, videos, or content posted of a  
5 minor, usually a child under 10, posted in such a way to draw in revenue.

6 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) will be responsible for enforcing this  
7 law.

8 A. Each violation will result in a \$500 dollar fine.

9 B. Three infractions will result in felony charges.

10 **SECTION 4.** The Legislation will take effect January 1, 2026.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Bay City High School.*

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## **A Bill to Enact the Anticorruption and Public Integrity Act**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States government will adopt Senate Bill S.5315, the  
3 Anticorruption and Public Integrity Act.

4 **SECTION 2.** The U.S. federal government will use this bill to restrict the influence of  
5 lobbyists and hold government agencies accountable.

6 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will be enforced by the Department of Justice.

7 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take affect beginning with the 2025 fiscal year.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Victoria East High School.*

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## A Resolution to Fund the National Power Grid

- 1   **WHEREAS,**    The National Power Grid is failing across the country, with increasing  
2                   impacts each year; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**    These failures occur more around the Great Lakes, Gulf of Mexico, and in  
4                   the Rocky Mountain Range; tens of thousands of people lose power due  
5                   to bad power grids when storms, hurricanes, or strong winds happen. We  
6                   need to fund the National Power Grids and restructure them across the  
7                   country, and install stronger grids in Alaska and Hawaii.
- 8   **WHEREAS,**    People can die without power. Many elderly people that are on life  
9                   support don't have backup generators. Food gets ruined and lowers the  
10                  food supply of the area, city and region. Life supporting companies and  
11                  hospitals must have power to run.
- 12 **WHEREAS,**    The current National Power Grids need to be updated and rebuilt and  
13                  thus it shall be funded by the government; now, therefore be it
- 14 **RESOLVED,**   That the Congress here assembled allocate 20% more funding to the  
15                  National Power Grids of the nation to better help our citizens and  
16                  stabilize the power outages across the nation.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Van Vleck High School.*

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## A Bill to Eliminate NIL deals from College Athletics

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

2 **SECTION 1.** While NIL rules aim to compensate student-athletes fairly for their name,  
3 image, and likeness, the influx of money risks blurring the lines between  
4 amateur and professional sports. This challenges the foundational  
5 principles of college athletics.

6 **SECTION 2.** NIL is an acronym that stands for name, image, and likeness and refers to  
7 an individual's right of publicity. Name refers to a person's legal name.  
8 Image refers to how someone visually appears whether in photos or  
9 videos. Likeness refers to an athlete's identity and persona like their  
10 voice, habits, or unique characteristics.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee the enforcement of this bill.

12 A. Any student-athlete found participating in NIL deals will be  
13 suspended indefinitely and have their scholarships revoked.

14 B. Any educational institution found in violation of this bill will be fined  
15 \$2,000,000.00.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect at the beginning of the 25-26 academic year.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Karnes City High School.*

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## **A Bill to Dissolve the Department of Education to Generate Increased Funds for State Education Institutions**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. federal government would hereby dissolve the Department of  
3 Education. Any funds within the department would be equitable divided  
4 amongst the states. States will have sole management over the education  
5 system and funds within their jurisdiction.

6 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Education (DOE) will be defined as the agency of the  
7 federal government that establishes policy for, administers and  
8 coordinates most federal assistance to education.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Office of Management and Budget will oversee the implementation  
10 of this legislation.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented at the start of FY 2025.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Victoria East High School.*

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# A Bill to Increase Funding for Public Transportation to Promote Efficient Travel Throughout the United States

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Congress shall allocate \$125 billion dollars a year to  
3 build a public transportation network.

4 **SECTION 2.** A public transportation network shall be defined as a system of  
5 transportation including but not limited to trains, buses, and subways.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Transportation shall oversee the implementation of  
7 this bill by first allocating the funds, and then working to efficiently build  
8 the transportation network throughout the United States.

9 A. This legislation will specifically address the lack of public  
10 transportation in suburban and rural areas.

11 B. Funds may also be allocated to improve existing urban transportation  
12 systems.

13 **SECTION 4.** The Legislation shall be enacted by March 1, 2025.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Bay City High School.*

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## A Bill to Mandate Drivers' Tests for Senior Citizens Every 5 Years

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill will require senior citizens aged 65 and older to retake their  
3 driver's test and DMV vision tests every 5 years. They must pass both  
4 tests within their state's guidelines to retain their license. If they fail, they  
5 can retake the test as many times as necessary, completing any  
6 administrative steps their state requires.

7 **SECTION 2.** A senior citizen can be defined as "a person aged 65 or older."  
8 The required driver's test and vision test would be defined by the current  
9 requirements of the state the senior citizen is abiding in.

10 **SECTION 3.** The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) would be in  
11 charge of the implementation of this bill through the U.S. Department of  
12 Transportation. The Administrative License Revocation program through  
13 the state's Department of Public Safety would revoke the licenses of  
14 those who fail to retake their test until passing.

15 **SECTION 4.** This Legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by El Campo High School.*

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## **A Bill to Require All Food and Drug Products Containing Red 40 to Have a Warning Label**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill shall require all food and drug products in The United States of  
3 America to display a prominent warning label stating the product  
4 contains Red 40.

5 **SECTION 2.** Food and drug products shall be defined as any food, beverage, or other  
6 consumable, as well as makeup, skincare, medications, and other topical  
7 solutions. Red 40 shall be defined as a synthetic food dye derived from  
8 petroleum. A prominent warning label shall be defined as a label on the  
9 front of the product packaging of a 1 to 9 ratio with the product size  
10 clearly stating the percentage of Red 40 in the product.

11 **SECTION 3.** Implementation of this bill shall be enforced via normal Food and Drug  
12 Administration (FDA) protocol and health surveys.

13 A. All manufacturers that fail to adhere to the regulations will have  
14 production paused until in compliance.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect January 1, 2027.

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

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



## A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Limit Congressional Terms

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

2 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the UIL Congress here assembled, that the following  
3 article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United  
4 States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the  
5 Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the  
6 several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the  
7 Congress:

8 **ARTICLE --**

9 **SECTION 1:** The number of times that a congressional representative can  
10 consecutively hold office and/or run for reelection will be limited.  
11 Congressional representatives include any and all members of the Senate  
12 and the House of Representatives. Senators will be limited to hold two  
13 consecutive, six-year terms, and Representatives will be limited to hold  
14 three consecutive, two-year terms.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Bay City High School.*

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## **A Bill to Ban Hedge Funds from Purchasing Homes Until After a Waiting Period to Promote a More Balanced Housing Market**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Hedge funds will be banned from purchasing homes until after they  
3 have been for sale on the public markets for a period of at least 30  
4 days.

5 **SECTION 2.** Hedge funds will be defined as corporations, partnerships or REITs  
6 that manage pooled funds for investors. Public Markets will be  
7 defined as any entity that manages the buying and selling of houses.  
8 Examples include but are not limited to companies like Zillow,  
9 Realtor, VRBO, RE/MAX, Redfin etc.

10 Housing Market will be defined as the economic system that involves  
11 the buying, selling, and renting of residential properties

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development will oversee the  
13 implementation of this Bill.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect January 1, 2026.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by El Campo High School.*

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## A Bill to Make 21 the Legal Age for Alcohol Consumption

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Through this policy, exceptions to the legal age for consumption of  
3 alcohol will be removed across the U.S. Currently some states allow  
4 minors to drink in the presence of a legal guardian.

5 **SECTION 2.** For this legislation, alcoholic beverages will be defined as those of 3%  
6 or greater by volume.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms will oversee the  
8 enforcement.

- 9 A. Minors who consume alcoholic beverages face a Class C  
10 Misdemeanor punishable by: A fine up to \$500; Alcohol awareness  
11 class; 8 to 40 hours community service;
- 12 B. Adults who give alcohol to a minor face a Class A misdemeanor  
13 punishable by: A fine up to \$4,000; and/or Confinement in jail for  
14 up to a year;

15 **SECTION 4.** If approved, this bill will go into effect June 1, 2025.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Van Vleck High School.*

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