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A Bill to Criminalize Ecocide

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Ecocide will be considered a federal offense. Acts of ecocide committed by a
3 corporate entity will be investigated and, upon successful prosecution, corporate officials will be
4 held responsible.

5 **SECTION 2.** Ecocide shall be defined as the act of destroying the environment, either through
6 purposeful or negligent practices. Ecocide will include, but is not limited to, the dumping of
7 harmful substances into a natural environment, or the over-extraction of natural resources that
8 results in irreparable harm to the environment.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall work in conjunction with the United States
10 Environmental Protection Agency to oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

11 A. If found guilty, corporate Chief Executive Officers, along with other high-ranking
12 officers, will be penalized with personal fines of up to \$10 million and individual
13 prison sentences of up to 10 years.

14 B. Severity of punishment shall be evaluated based on the magnitude of the
15 environmental impacts of the offense and the level of negligence. The most severe
16 punishments will be determined based upon intent and irreversible damage to
17 natural environments.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect January 1, 2023.

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

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A Bill to Increase the Inheritance Tax

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The following reforms shall be made to the U.S. inheritance tax:

3 A. The Estate Tax exemption will be reduced to \$3 million.

4 B. All assets above and beyond \$3 million, excluding those omitted in the Estate Tax
5 exemption, will be taxed at 45%.

6 C. A pre-death capital gains tax will be realized before the beneficiary receives the
7 inheritance.

8 **SECTION 2.** A pre-death capital gains tax shall be defined as the taxation of the growth in
9 value of assets, realized at the time of death of the original owner, before the beneficiary inherits
10 the assets.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue System will oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect January 1, 2022.

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

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A Resolution to Sanction Mohammed bin Salman

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1 **WHEREAS,** The United States Department of State has confirmed Saudi Prince Mohammed
2 bin Salman approved the capturing and killing of Jamal Khashoggi, a Saudi dissident and
3 columnist for the *Washington Post*; and

4 **WHEREAS,** The Saudi government has systematically targeted dissidents through
5 kidnappings that result in a lack of judicial process and have received various allegations of
6 torture, a clear human rights violation; and

7 **WHEREAS,** The United States needs to take a clear stance against state-led assassinations
8 and rampant corruption, in addition to punishing Mohammed bin Salman as a deterrence metric;
9 now, therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled agree to sanction Mohammed bin Salman;
11 and, be it

12 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That Mohammed bin Salman's US-based assets be frozen and a visa
13 ban be instituted.

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A Bill to Limit COVID-19 Vaccine Exemptions

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** In order to exempt children attending a public education institution from a
3 COVID-19 vaccine, a physician shall be required to conduct a health-risk assessment and
4 provide written authorization that the vaccine is a safety risk to the child.

5 **SECTION 2.** The COVID-19 vaccines shall include Moderna, Pfizer BioNTech, and Johnson &
6 Johnson. Additional vaccines authorized by the Food & Drug Administration may be considered
7 (see Section 3B).

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Resources will work in conjunction with
9 the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention and the Department of Education.

10 A. Any child who is not in compliance with Section 1 of this legislation will be barred
11 from attending a public education institution.

12 B. The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention will advise Congress of future
13 vaccinations to be added to Section 2.

14 C. Schools that fail to comply with this legislation may have their federal aid reduced or
15 eliminated.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect September 1, 2021.

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

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A Resolution to Increase Investment in Nuclear Energy

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1 **WHEREAS**, Current dependence on oil and natural gas is unsustainable, but solar and wind
2 technology are not ready to power large swaths of the United States, while nuclear energy both
3 produces little harm to the environment and has the capacity to produce adequate power; and
4 **WHEREAS**, Wind and solar power produce energy an approximate 35% and 25% of the time,
5 respectively, while nuclear plants operate at full capacity about 93% of the time, resulting in
6 efficacy rates that are over 1.5 times higher than production reaped from natural gas; and
7 **WHEREAS**, The use of oil, coal, and natural gas has resulted in rampant pollution,
8 permanently threatening the health of Americans and the long-term sustainability of
9 ecosystems, necessitating a high-capacity energy production alternative; and
10 **WHEREAS**, If carbon emissions continue at their current rate, sea levels are predicted to rise
11 another 2 inches, endangering the lives of an approximate 10 million people and causing
12 irreversible damage that will demand retrospective and reparative action to mitigate harms; now,
13 therefore, be it
14 **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation to the
15 Environmental Protection Agency and individual states to prioritize funding in the nuclear energy
16 sectors.

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A Resolution to Ban the Use of Facial Recognition Technology by the Police

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1 **WHEREAS**, Facial recognition technology misidentifies people of color at a much higher rate,
2 causing the police to make misinformed arrests that discriminate against minority populations;
3 and

4 **WHEREAS**, Some studies conclude that Asian and Black individuals are over 100 times more
5 likely to be misidentified than white individuals due to systematic flaws within the engineering of
6 the facial recognition technology, with no clear progression to correct the technologies currently
7 available; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Other organizations, such as ICE, are obtaining images of individuals through
9 facial recognition technology without a warrant, absent clarity in the accuracy of matches prior to
10 arrests; and

11 **WHEREAS**, If states continue to heavily invest in facial recognition technology, it may become
12 foundational and respected in the process of making arrests, while misidentifying people of color
13 from sources such as Facebook and Apple's facial recognition software, along with other
14 instances where the individual would be unaware their images may appear in policing software;
15 now, therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation to
17 individual states to ban the use of facial recognition software in policing.

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A Bill to Create an “Opt-Out” System for Organ Donation

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Individuals registering for state-provided identification bearing an indication of
3 willingness to donate organs will automatically be registered as organ donors and will have the
4 opportunity to opt-out.

5 **SECTION 2.** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will work in conjunction with
6 the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) and the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

7 A. Individuals can opt out when they renew their state-issued licenses or formally state
8 refusal in a notarized will. Individuals may also make a spoken refusal to donate their
9 organs as witnessed by two adults, including one disinterested witness, who will sign
10 at the request of the person seeking the opt-out.

11 B. Suspension, expiration, or revocation of a state-issued identification will not
12 invalidate a commitment to organ donation.

13 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will go into effect January 1, 2022.

14 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Send Aid to NGOs Along the US-Mexico Border

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall send \$10 million in aid per year for four years to NGOs
3 based in Mexico to provide humanitarian assistance or temporary shelter to immigrants along
4 the border between the United States and Mexico.

5 **SECTION 2.** NGOs will assist with information distribution, medical assistance, counseling
6 services, transportation assistance, and reintegration methodologies.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State shall oversee the implementation and funding of this
8 legislation.

9 A. Any NGO found to be using monetary aid for anything other than humanitarian
10 assistance or other functions explicitly stated in their mission statements will be
11 placed under review and funds may be revoked.

12 B. Analysts within the Department of State shall review the use of aid by NGOs at the
13 end of each fiscal year to ensure appropriate use of funds.

14 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will go into effect immediately.

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

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A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Clarify Pardoning Power

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is

3 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall

4 be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by

5 the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the

6 date of its submission by the Congress:

7 **ARTICLE --**

8 **SECTION 1.** The pardoning power of the president shall exclude the power to pardon

9 themselves, family members, and any individuals who violate law for the personal benefit of the

10 President of the United States.

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A Bill to Mandate NSA Disclosures of Zero-Day Vulnerabilities

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The National Security Agency shall hereby be required to disclose zero-day
3 vulnerabilities to corporations as they are discovered.

4 **SECTION 2.** A zero-day vulnerability shall be defined as an exploit within computer software,
5 unknown to the owner of the software, which allows hackers to gain access to computer
6 programs or corporate and personal data.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will work in conjunction with the National Security
8 Agency to oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

9 A. Any individual who fails to comply with this legislation shall be subject to individual
10 sanctions, not to exceed \$25,000.

11 B. Any major hacks that are a consequence of a zero-day vulnerability will be
12 investigated by the Department of Justice.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect January 1, 2023.

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

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