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A Resolution to Protect the Kurdish People

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- 1 **WHEREAS,** the Kurdish people have historically served as valuable allies to the
2 United States; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** the Kurdish people have historically been the victims of oppression; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** the United States has a moral obligation to protect its allies; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** countries have a legitimate right to use force to quell terrorist activity;
6 and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** the Kurdistan Workers’ Party (PKK) has consistently acted in a manner
8 becoming of a terrorist organization; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** it is inaccurate and immoral to conflate the Kurdish people with the PKK;
10 now, therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States hereby recognizes
12 the Kurdistan Workers’ Party (PKK) as a Foreign Terrorist Organization;
13 and
- 14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the United States hereby recognizes the Kurdish
15 people as a nation distinct from the PKK; and
- 16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the President of the United States is hereby
17 empowered and encouraged to use military force to defend the Kurdish
18 people when their safety is threatened by outside forces.

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The Refugee Placement Act of 2019

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Executive Branch of the United States shall have the authority to
3 place accepted refugees in any location under the jurisdiction of the
4 United States.

5 **SECTION 2.** No state or local government shall have the authority to reject or protest
6 refugees placed within their jurisdictions as a result of this Act.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security shall be tasked with ensuring that
8 all accepted refugees are properly vetted.

9 **SECTION 4.** This Act shall be enforced by the Department of Justice, which shall have
10 the authority to determine and assign penalties for violations.

11 **SECTION 5.** This Act will take effect immediately upon passage.

12 **SECTION 6.** All laws and executive acts in conflict with this legislation are hereby
13 declared null and void.

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The Spirit of Compromise Act

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1 **WHEREAS,** the United States Senate is intended to be the more deliberative house of
2 Congress with a higher emphasis on compromise; and

3 **WHEREAS,** partisan polarization in recent decades has relegated such an identity for
4 the Senate to a mere pipe dream; and

5 **WHEREAS,** a simple majority requirement for federal judicial confirmations only
6 encourages further polarization and party-line votes; and

7 **WHEREAS,** the previous requirement of a two-thirds majority necessitated more
8 thorough vetting of nominees and robust debate; and

9 **WHEREAS,** the latest available Gallup poll reports a national approval rating for
10 Congress at 25%; and

11 **WHEREAS,** striving for more compromise in Congress is a worthy strategy for
12 regaining the public's trust; now, therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED,** by the Congress here assembled that all federal judicial nominees will
14 require a two-thirds vote from the Senate in order to be confirmed.

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The Tenant Protection Act of 2019

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** No-Cause Evictions are hereby prohibited in the United States.

3 **SECTION 2.** A “No-Cause Eviction” is defined as when a property owner orders a
4 tenant to vacate the rental unit prior to the conclusion of the rental
5 agreement without evidence that the tenant has violated the terms of
6 the rental agreement.

7 **SECTION 3.** Property owners shall retain the right to evict tenants with cause as
8 defined by their state.

9 **SECTION 4.** Property owners shall retain the right, without cause, to not renew rental
10 agreements at their conclusion.

11 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall be enforced by the Department of Housing and
12 Urban Development.

13 **SECTION 6.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

14 **SECTION 7.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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The Political Transparency Act of 2019

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All public corporations shall be required to publicly disclose all financial
3 contributions to political causes.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Public corporations” are defined as any issuers of securities registered
5 on national securities exchanges.

6 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be implemented by the Securities Exchange
7 Commission.

8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect on October 1, 2020.

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

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The Volunteer Army Act of 2019

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Selective Service System (SSS) is hereby abolished.

3 **SECTION 2.** No military draft of any kind may be implemented by the United States
4 Federal Government.

5 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

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The American Workers Promotion Act of 2019

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall cease awarding contracts to
3 American businesses classified as “Outsourcing Companies” based on
4 Section 2 of this legislation.

5 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation, U.S. companies that either
6 manufacture over 50% of their products or provide over 50% of their
7 services outside the jurisdiction of the United States shall be defined as
8 an “Outsourcing Company.”

9 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

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The Education Fulfillment Act of 2019**The Education Fulfillment Act of 2019**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Starting at the beginning of their next applicable school year, all states
3 must increase the salaries of all public school teachers by 5%.

4 **SECTION 2.** The United States Department of the Treasury shall provide grants to
5 each state equal to the funds necessary to fund the mandate listed in
6 Section 1.

7 **A.** States will be responsible for distributing the appropriate grant funds
8 in Section 2 to their respective school districts.

9 **SECTION 3.** Funding for this legislation will be derived from the U.S. Department of
10 Education's budget for the Fiscal Year 2021.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect starting in the Fiscal Year 2021.

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

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The African Prosperity Act

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1 **WHEREAS,** the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) went into effect in May
2 2019; and

3 **WHEREAS,** the African Union is showing signs of rapid growth and prosperity; and

4 **WHEREAS,** the United States has the ability and opportunity to create a prosperous
5 partnership with the African Union; and

6 **WHEREAS,** the AfCFTA has rightfully attracted the attention of other countries and
7 regions around the world; and

8 **WHEREAS,** the United States would be well-served to join the international
9 community in this course of action to ease trade and collaboration and to
10 maintain its competitiveness in the global market; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States will aggressively
12 pursue free trade agreements with African Union member countries.

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The Biodegradable Materials Act of 2019

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The sale of non-biodegradable products that have a known
3 biodegradable alternative is hereby prohibited in the United States.

4 **SECTION 2.** This legislation shall be implemented by the Environmental Protection
5 Agency (EPA).

6 **A.** The EPA shall independently define the terms “Biodegradable” and
7 “Non-biodegradable” as it relates to this legislation.

8 **B.** The EPA shall independently determine which products have a
9 biodegradable alternative.

10 **SECTION 3.** Companies or individuals found in violation of this legislation shall be
11 issued a penalty of \$20,000 for the first offense, \$100,000 for the second
12 offense, and \$500,000 for each offense thereafter.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect on January 1, 2022.

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

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