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The Tariff Power Reclamation Act of 2020

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** No tariffs may be imposed by the United States without approval from  
3 both houses of Congress.

4 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation, “tariffs” shall be defined as any taxes  
5 imposed on goods imported from outside the United States that are not  
6 imposed on similar goods from within the United States.

7 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately.

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

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## A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Regard Solitary Confinement as Cruel and Unusual Punishment

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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  
3 is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States,  
4 which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution  
5 when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states  
6 within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

#### 7 **ARTICLE 28**

8 **SECTION 1.** No inmate in any prison or jail within the jurisdiction of the United States  
9 shall be confined alone in a cell without the opportunity to see or speak  
10 to other persons for more than fourteen (14) hours in one day.

11 **SECTION 2.** Any violation of Section 1 of this article shall be considered an act of  
12 Cruel and Unusual Punishment under the 8<sup>th</sup> article of amendment to the  
13 United States Constitution.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate  
15 legislation.

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## The Congressional 2030 Decade Challenge

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**WHEREAS,** man-made climate change is one of the biggest and most pressing crises facing the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** it is in the interest of the United States to set goals for the next decade; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** by the Congress here assembled that by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2030, the United States shall:

- (A) Fully eliminate carbon emissions.
- (B) Meet 100 percent of the domestic power demand through clean, renewable, and zero-emission energy sources.
- (C) Spearhead a new international agreement to aggressively combat the effects and causes of climate change.
- (D) Begin mitigating and managing the long-term adverse health, economic, and other effects of pollution and climate change.
- (E) Substantially reduce federal subsidies to meat manufacturers.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a new federal agency, the Department of Environmental Security, shall be established to facilitate the United States' pursuit of these goals.

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The Agricultural Free Trade Act of 2020

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall cease providing monetary  
3 subsidies to agricultural producers within the United States.

4 **SECTION 2.** The United States shall cease engaging in any and all trade activities with  
5 any foreign countries who provide monetary subsidies to agricultural  
6 producers within their borders.

7 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall go into effect on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

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

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**The Universal Pre-K Act of 2020****The Universal Pre-K Act of 2020**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall provide grants to all states  
3 for the implementation of a Universal Preschool program.

4 **SECTION 2.** States will be responsible for the distribution of grants and the  
5 implementation of the Universal Preschool programs.

6 **SECTION 3.** States shall retain the right to refuse the grant funding in Section 1 of this  
7 legislation and the right to not establish a Universal Preschool program.

8 **SECTION 4.** Funding for the grants mandated by Section 1 of this legislation shall be  
9 derived from the Department of Education's Fiscal Year 2021 budget.

10 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall be implemented by the Department of Education.

11 **SECTION 6.** This legislation shall go into effect on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

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

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## The Animal Compassion Act of 2020

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** It shall be unlawful for a pet store operator to sell a live dog, cat, or rabbit  
3 in a pet store unless the dog, cat, or rabbit was obtained from a public  
4 animal control agency or shelter, Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to  
5 Animals shelter, Humane Society shelter, or rescue group that is in a  
6 cooperative agreement with at least one private or public shelter.

7 **SECTION 2.** For purposes of this legislation, a “rescue group” is an organization that is  
8 tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and  
9 that does not obtain animals from breeders or brokers for compensation.

10 **SECTION 3.** A pet store operator who violates this section shall be subject to a civil  
11 penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500). Each animal offered for sale in  
12 violation of this section shall constitute a separate violation.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented by the Department of Agriculture.

14 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall go into effect on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

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

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## The Disclosure Act of 2020

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All pre-existing Nondisclosure Agreements related to sexual harassment  
3 cases are hereby declared null and void.

4 **SECTION 2.** No new Nondisclosure Agreements related to sexual harassment cases  
5 may take effect within the jurisdiction of the United States.

6 **SECTION 3.** For the purposes of this legislation, “Nondisclosure Agreement” shall be  
7 defined as any legally binding agreement that prohibits disclosure of  
8 certain confidential information.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately.

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

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## The Healthcare Security Act of 2020

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** No employer, public or private, may require a waiting period after the  
3 beginning of employment for any health insurance benefits to become  
4 effective.

5 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation, “health insurance benefits” shall be  
6 defined as any employee compensation benefits consisting of medical  
7 care (provided directly, through insurance or reimbursement, or  
8 otherwise and including items and services paid for as medical care)  
9 under any hospital or medical service policy or certificate, hospital or  
10 medical service plan contract, or health maintenance organization  
11 contract offered by a health insurance issuer.

12 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall go into effect on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021.

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

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#### ARTICLE 28

8 **SECTION 1.** The Congress shall have the power to empower the President to sign only  
9 a portion of bills sent to them for approval.

10 **SECTION 2.** The President may only exercise this power when explicitly granted the  
11 authority to do so by an act of Congress.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate  
13 legislation.

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## The Russian Rebuke Resolution

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**WHEREAS,** the Central Intelligence Agency, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, Federal Bureau of Investigation, National Security Agency, Department of Justice, Department of Homeland Security, and both the House and Senate Intelligence Committees have all concluded that the Russian Federation intentionally interfered in the 2016 United States Presidential Election; and

**WHEREAS,** the United States holding secure and independent elections is vital to both our democracy and the international community; and

**WHEREAS,** Russian interference has called the security and independence of United States elections into question throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS,** the Russian Federation has refused to acknowledge that the interference took place; and

**WHEREAS,** all signs point to the conclusion that Russians will interfere in the 2020 Presidential Election; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED,** by the Congress here assembled that we do hereby forcefully condemn the Russian Federation for their role in interfering in the 2016 United States Presidential Election.

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