

A Resolution to Halt the Construction of the North Dakota Access Pipeline

1 **WHEREAS**, the North Dakota Access Pipeline is currently being built dangerously near the
2 Standing Rock Reservation.

3 **WHEREAS**, the Standing Rock Reservation is home to approximately 8,217 Native
4 Americans.

5 **WHEREAS**, more than 8,000 Native Americans' rights will be violated by the forceful
6 construction of the pipeline on their land.

7 **WHEREAS**, the current presidential administration has pushed for the reinstallation of the
8 North Dakota Access Pipeline.

9 **WHEREAS**, we as Americans must preserve the lives of these innocent civilians, therefore,
10 be it,

11 **RESOLVED**, by the Congress here assembled, that the building of the North Dakota Access
12 Pipeline will be halted immediately.

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A Resolution to Provide Guidance for the Elimination of Regulations

- 1 **WHEREAS**, President Trump has signed an executive order which will force the
2 elimination of two governmental regulations for every new regulation
3 adopted by the executive branch; and
- 4 **WHEREAS**, many regulations are adopted for the health and safety of Americans; and
- 5 **WHEREAS**, other regulations protect the American people from fraud and crime; and
- 6 **WHEREAS**, the executive order will result in either necessary regulations not being
7 adopted or necessary regulations being needlessly rescinded in order to
8 meet this artificial quota; and
- 9 **WHEREAS**, the burden of regulations on small businesses does not justify the
10 wholesale elimination of such regulations; and
- 11 **WHEREAS**, the politicization of the Executive Branch makes it likely that regulations will
12 be eliminated without the strong consideration of the consequences of
13 such deregulation; now, therefore, be it
- 14 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that it is the desire of this Congress that
15 all regulations which will be eliminated by the President's executive orders
16 should be submitted for Congressional review and approval.

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A Bill to Discourage Private Prisons

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED

2 **SECTION 1.** The BOP (Bureau of Prisons) shall refrain from building any new prisons in
3 states which contract with private or for-profit prisons. All current construction
4 projects in affected states shall cease immediately. The BOP shall also relocate
5 all federal prisoners from states which have such contracts by January 1, 2020.

6 **SECTION 2.** Private or for-profit prisons are defined as private or publicly held
7 corporations which contract with state and local governments to handle
8 corrections services. They may own or lease the buildings in which the
9 prisoners are housed.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Prisons shall oversee the terms of this legislation. The Director
11 of the BOP shall determine which states are not in compliance.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

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A Resolution to Equalize Bail Via Defendants' Net Worth

- 1 **WHEREAS**, In America, many poor cannot afford bail and are forced to accept jail; and
- 2 **WHEREAS**, Bail is the same for poor or rich, despite posing far different challenges to each;
- 3 **WHEREAS**, Frivolous jailing leads to overcrowding & the early release of dangerous inmates;
- 4 **WHEREAS**, the poor leave with a record of incarceration, rendering them virtually unemployable.
- 5 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that bail pricing will be proportionately based on defendants' net worth.

Submitted by Clayton Lau of Velasquez Academy

A Bill to make California a Sanctuary State.

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

2 **Section 1:** California will become the first sanctuary state, so as to confer to more Californian
3 cities the manifold benefits that sanctuary cities are currently enjoying, such as increased
4 security from undocumented immigrants being more willing to approach policing agencies
5 and report crimes, increased safety from immigrants no longer fleeing from police for fear of
6 being deported and having their car confiscated permanently and increased cost savings to the
7 Covered CA health insurance exchange through the increased willingness of the
8 undocumented to go to hospitals in search of preventative care instead of exponentially more
9 costly emergency care.

10 **Section 2:** A Sanctuary state will be defined as a state in which undocumented immigrants
11 will not be deported unless they commit a felony, which is separate from the fact that they
12 have lost or never possessed permission to live in the U.S., and

13 **Section 3:** The California State Legislature and state government will oversee the
14 implementation of this bill and its funding through the general fund of taxes.

15 **Section 4:** This bill will be implemented Immediately after passage.

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

Submitted by Jordan Granda of Velasquez Academy

A Bill To Utilize LED Lights In All Public Venues In The State Of California

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

2 **Section 1:** The state of California will switch to using LED lights in all public venues, in light
3 of the fact that transitioning to LEDs would save energy use by 63% and carbon emissions
4 would be reduced by over 47,000 metric tons a year.

5 **Section 2:** This bill will be financed by an electricity bond. The Department of Energy and the
6 Bureau of Street Lighting will oversee this implementation.

7 **Section 3:** This bill will be started upon approval, and will be fully completed by the year
8 2025.

9 **Section 4:** All laws in conflict with this bill will be hereby declared null and void.

Submitted by Carly Granda of Velasquez Academy

A Resolution to End the Use of Private Prisons in California

1. **WHEREAS** the Obama Administration Justice Department issues a mandate for
2. the Dept. of Justice to stop housing federal inmates in private prisons; and
3. **WHEREAS** the DOJ inspector general found more safety and security problems
4. including higher rates of assault on both prisoners and guards at private
5. institutions; and
6. **WHEREAS** private prisons in California are subject to much less oversight and
7. inspection that state institutions, leading to greater rates of abuses; and
8. **WHEREAS** California currently houses nearly 10,000 of its inmates in eight
9. different in-state private prisons and two out-of-state private prisons, and
10. **WHEREAS** public pressure and community activism is causing many public
11. institutions to divest in private prisons;
12. **THEREFORE** be it Resolved by this Student Congress that the State of
13. California by January 2018, stop housing any and all of its inmates in private
14. prisons, transferring all inmates into State Run facilities.

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