

A Bill to Ban Single-Use Plastics

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

2. **Section 1** The production, sale, and distribution of single-use
3. plastic products shall be banned in the United States, except for
4. medical applications.

5. **Section 2** "Single-use plastics" refer to plastic products that are
6. designed to be used once and then discarded, including but not
7. limited to plastic bags, straws, cutlery, and packaging
8. materials. "Medical applications" refer to single-use plastics
9. used in healthcare settings, including hospitals, clinics, and
10. pharmacies, for patient care, medical devices, or sanitary
11. purposes.

12. **Section 3** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall oversee
13. the phase-out and enforcement of the ban, ensuring that
14. manufacturers and retailers transition to eco-friendly materials
15. in accordance with implementation date. Fines and a shut down of
16. business operations may be implemented for manufacturers and
17. retailers not following the ban.

18. **Section 4** This ban shall take effect on January 1st, 2030.

19. **Section 5** All other laws in conflict with this policy shall hereby
20. be declared null and void.

21. Introduced for Congressional Debate by Kudos Youth Leadership

A Bill to Implement Ranked Choice Voting for National Elections

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

2. **Section 1** A system of Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) shall be
3. implemented for all national elections, including elections for
4. the Presidency and members of Congress.

5. **Section 2** "Ranked choice voting" is defined as a voting system in
6. which voters rank candidates by preference on their ballots. If
7. no candidate wins a majority of first-preference votes, the
8. candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated, and votes for that
9. candidate are transferred to the next ranked choice on each
10. ballot. This process continues until a candidate wins a majority
11. of votes.

12. **Section 3** The Federal Election Commission (FEC) shall oversee the
13. implementation and enforcement of this voting system, including
14. ensuring that all states have the necessary infrastructure and
15. technology. Additional funding shall be allocated to assist
16. states in updating their voting systems.

17. **Section 4** This bill shall take effect starting with the 2028
18. national election cycle.

19. **Section 5** All other laws in conflict with this policy shall hereby
20. be declared null and void.

21. Introduced for Congressional Debate by Kudos Youth Leadership

A Resolution to Create Car-Free Zones in City Centers

1. **WHEREAS**, urban centers experience high levels of traffic
2. congestion, contributing to air pollution, noise, and decreased
3. quality of life for residents and visitors; and
4. **WHEREAS**, car-dependent urban environments often limit pedestrian
5. access, reduce safety, and discourage active transportation
6. methods such as walking and cycling; and
7. **WHEREAS**, the reliance on personal vehicles leads to increased
8. greenhouse gas emissions, exacerbating climate change and
9. negatively impacting public health through higher rates of
10. respiratory and cardiovascular diseases; and
11. **WHEREAS**, implementing car-free zones can enhance public spaces,
12. promote local businesses, and improve overall public health by
13. encouraging more sustainable modes of transportation; and
14. **RESOLVED**, Congress shall encourage state and local governments to
15. adopt policies that promote the establishment of car-free zones
16. in city centers, including providing funding and resources for
17. planning, infrastructure, and community outreach to ensure
18. successful implementation.
19. Introduced for Congressional Debate by Kudos Youth Leadership

A Resolution to Implement a National High-Speed Railway System

1. **WHEREAS**, the United States faces significant challenges related to
2. traffic congestion and inefficient transportation options that
3. hinder economic growth and environmental sustainability; and
4. **WHEREAS**, current transportation infrastructure struggles to
5. accommodate the increasing demand for travel between major urban
6. centers, resulting in longer commute times and greater reliance
7. on fossil fuels; and
8. **WHEREAS**, effective public transportation can significantly lower
9. the cost of living and boost the economy by reducing the need for
10. personal vehicle expenses, decreasing traffic congestion, saving
11. time; and this reliance on automobiles and air travel
12. contributes to higher greenhouse gas emissions, worsens air
13. quality, and exacerbates climate change; and
14. **WHEREAS**, high-speed rail systems have been proven to provide a
15. faster, more efficient, and eco-friendly alternative to
16. traditional transportation methods, significantly reducing
17. travel times and carbon footprints;
18. **RESOLVED**, Congress shall allocate funding and resources for the
19. planning, development, and construction of a national high-speed
20. rail network, connecting major cities and regions across the
21. country.
22. Introduced for Congressional Debate by Kudos Youth Leadership

A Bill to Mandate Benefits for Independent Contractors

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

2. **Section 1** Companies employing independent contractors in the gig
3. economy, such as ride-share and delivery services, must provide
4. basic employment benefits, including health insurance, paid sick
5. leave, and retirement contributions.

6. **Section 2** 'Independent contractors' refers to workers who are not
7. classified as full-time employees but regularly work for a
8. company in a freelance capacity.

9. **Section 3** The Department of Labor will oversee the enforcement of
10. this bill and ensure that gig economy companies comply with the
11. new benefit requirements.

12. **Section 4** This legislation will take effect at the beginning of FY
13. 2025. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby
14. declared null and void.

15. Introduced for Congressional Debate by SCJFL