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## **Item 1 - A Resolution to End the Use of Direct-to-Consumer Genetic Testing Services in Criminal Investigations**

- 1   **WHEREAS,**    Law enforcement often uses direct-to-consumer (DTC) genetic testing service  
2                    results in criminal investigations; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**    The unwarranted use of DTC genetic testing service results constitutes a  
4                    violation of health privacy rights for over 26 million Americans; and
- 5   **WHEREAS,**    Under the Supreme Court ruling in *Griswold v. Connecticut*, a person has the  
6                    Constitutional right to privacy including bodily autonomy which includes the  
7                    right to their own DNA and genetics; and
- 8   **WHEREAS,**    The Fourth Amendment requires law enforcement to obtain a warrant prior to  
9                    conducting a search; now, therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,**   That the Congress here assembled require law enforcement to obtain a search  
11                   warrant prior to conducting DNA searches through DTC genetic testing services;  
12                   and, be it
- 13 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the warrant applies only to the DNA of a specific individual for which  
14                   law enforcement has successfully proven probable cause.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Westlake High School.*



## Item 2 – A Bill to Replace the Federal Income Tax with a Fair Tax

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   The United States Federal Income Tax will be replaced by a consumption tax  
2                   model called The Fair Tax.
- 3   **SECTION 2.**   The Fair Tax would replace the federal individual income tax, corporate income  
4                   tax, payroll tax, estate and gift taxes with a twenty-three percent national sales  
5                   tax.
- 6   **SECTION 3.**   A. The Fair Tax would outsource the administration of the national sales tax to  
7                   the governments of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Currently, 45  
8                   states and D.C. collect statewide sales taxes. In states without a sales tax, the  
9                   Secretary of the Treasury (or another state) would administer the national sales  
10                  tax.
- 11                  B. Taxpayers will receive a monthly prebate for the cost of sales tax on  
12                  necessities up to the federal poverty level.
- 13   **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025.
- 14   **SECTION 5.**   All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jack C. Hays High School.*

### **Item 3 - A Bill to Abolish Online Data Collection to Protect the Privacy of Users and Defend against Data Breaches**



## Item 4 - Geothermal Fracking Initiative Act of 2025

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** Congress finds that Geothermal Fracking (GF) represents a promising and renewable source of clean energy and thus authorizes the creation of the Geothermal Fracking Initiative (GFI).

**SECTION 2.** Geothermal Fracking is defined as the process by which fluids are pumped deep beneath the earth's surface to fracture rocks, through which water is circulated and heated for the purpose of creating electricity.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

A. The initial budget for the GFI shall be \$2 billion. All money allocated for the initial disbursement shall be disbursed by January 1, 2027.

B. Private companies may apply for grants from the GFI to drill GF exploratory wells and to develop drilling infrastructure and physical energy plant infrastructure.

C. Companies applying for grants from the GFI must certify that the proposed wells do not pose a significant threat to native ecosystems.

D. Companies applying for grants from the GFI must demonstrate that energy plants using water from GF wells are likely to be financially solvent within ten years of the projected completion of the first GF well.

E. Every two years, Congress shall review the effectiveness of the GFI in increasing energy production using GF and shall either disband the GFI or authorize additional funding for the GFI.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tascosa High School.*



## Item 5 - A Bill to Fund High-Speed Rail Development to Improve Transportation Infrastructure

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** \$100 billion of funding shall be allocated to the development and  
2 implementation of high-speed rail systems across the United States.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** A High-Speed Rail System is defined as a rail network capable of sustained  
4 speeds exceeding 150 miles per hour.
- 5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Transportation and Federal Railway Administration (FRA) will  
6 oversee enforcement of this legislation.
- 7 A. Funding shall come from the U.S Department of Defense.
- 8 B. The FRA must submit a plan of action detailing the location of railways they  
9 will construct as well as which sections of pre-existing railways they will  
10 maintain to Congress within 6 months of this legislation taking effect. There  
11 must be focus on maintaining high-speed railroads first and then  
12 constructing new railroads second.
- 13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2025. All laws in conflict with this  
14 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Seven Lakes High School.*



## **Item 6 - A Resolution to Enhance Mental Health Support: Establishing Mental Health First Aid Training Programs in Schools**

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   The mental well-being of individuals, especially among youth, is crucial for  
2                   personal development, academic success, and overall societal welfare; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**   Mental health disorders such as anxiety, depression, and suicidal ideation are  
4                   increasingly prevalent among students, often leading to academic struggles,  
5                   social isolation, and tragic outcomes; and
- 6   **WHEREAS,**   Early intervention and support can significantly improve outcomes for individuals  
7                   experiencing mental health challenges, yet many schools lack the resources and  
8                   training to effectively address these needs; and
- 9   **WHEREAS,**   Implementing Mental Health First Aid training programs in schools can empower  
10                  educators and staff to recognize the signs of mental distress, provide immediate  
11                  support, and facilitate access to professional resources; therefore be it
- 12   **RESOLVED,**   That the Congress here assembled acknowledges the critical importance of  
13                   addressing mental health issues among students and fostering a supportive  
14                   school environment; and be it
- 15   **FURTHER RESOLVED,** in response to this imperative, Congress proposes the establishment of  
16                   federally funded Mental Health First Aid training programs in schools across the  
17                   nation, with a focus on equipping educators and staff with the skills and  
18                   knowledge to support students' mental well-being; and be it
- 19   **FURTHER RESOLVED,** This Congress shall establish provisions for comprehensive  
20                   implementation guidelines, ongoing evaluation, and support to ensure the  
21                   efficacy and sustainability of mental health initiatives in schools.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Chapin High School.*



## Item 7 - A Bill to Federally Regulate Cryptocurrencies

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** This Congress finds that cryptocurrency volatility and regulation gaps have caused scams and environmental harm, necessitating protective measures.

**SECTION 2.** The following measures shall be taken:

- A. Prohibit cryptocurrencies as legal payment tender unless pegged to the U.S. dollar.
- B. Impose a 10% tax on crypto profits for environmental damage.
- C. Create a "Crypto Permit" for personal traders, requiring SEC approval.
- D. Mandate KYC and AML for decentralized exchanges and ATMs.
- E. Terminate all mixer services that conceal transaction details.
- F. Allocate a total of \$250 million to the SEC for blockchain analytics software and auditing cryptocurrency transactions.

**SECTION 3.** The following instruments should be defined as stated:

- A. "Cryptocurrency": Digital currency secured by cryptography, excluding U.S. dollar-pegged ones
- B. "Crypto Permit": Federal authorization for personal traders to legally trade and mine, subject to SEC approval
- C. "KYC" (Know Your Customer): Process to verify client identities and prevent fraud
- D. "AML" (Anti-Money Laundering): Regulations to prevent financial crimes, including money laundering
- E. "Mixer services": Platforms that obscure transaction histories
- F. "Blockchain analytics software": Tools for analyzing blockchain transactions and enhancing transparency

**SECTION 4.** The SEC will oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

- A. The IRS will enforce environmental taxes on crypto mining and enhance blockchain analytics and audit capabilities.
- B. FinCEN will monitor KYC and AML compliance for decentralized exchanges and crypto ATMs.
- C. The Department of Justice (DOJ) will help close mixer services.

**SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect in FY 2026.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Prosper High School.*





## Item 8 - A Resolution to Establish a Free Trade Deal with China

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **WHEREAS,**     The United States and China are the two largest economies in the world, and  
2                   increased trade between the two nations has the potential to foster economic  
3                   growth and enhance diplomatic relations; and
- 4   **WHEREAS,**     Current trade barriers, tariffs, and restrictions impede the flow of goods and  
5                   services between the U.S. and China, limiting market access for businesses and  
6                   raising costs for consumers in both nations; and
- 7   **WHEREAS,**     A comprehensive free trade agreement (FTA) with China could significantly  
8                   reduce tariffs, expand trade opportunities, and improve access to a wider range  
9                   of affordable products and services; and
- 10 **RESOLVED,**    That the Congress here assembled calls for negotiations with the People's  
11                   Republic of China to establish a free trade agreement focused on reducing tariffs  
12                   and other trade barriers; and, be it
- 13 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this agreement shall include provisions to protect intellectual  
14                   property, ensure fair labor practices, and promote environmental sustainability.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Memorial High School.*



## Item 9 - The Cuban Ascension Policy Act (C.A.P. Act)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The United States government shall lift economic sanctions on the country of Cuba by repealing the Helms-Burton Act, Cuban Assets Control Regulations, and the Cuban Democracy Act. Furthermore, the United States Government shall engage in foreign relations with the country of Cuba to achieve and maintain the goal of open trade and borders between one another.

**SECTION 2.** The definitions for this act are as follows:

A. The Cuban Assets Control Regulations shall be abbreviated if necessary to "The CACR."

B. The Office of the United States Trade Representative shall be abbreviated if necessary to "The USTR."

**SECTION 3.** The United States Congress shall oversee the repealing of the Helms-Burton Act, Cuban Assets Control Regulations, and the Cuban Democracy Act. The USTR shall be tasked with foreign relations with Cuba to achieve the goals stated in Section 1.

**SECTION 4.** This act shall go into effect 90 days after passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Snyder High School.*



## Item 10 - A Bill to Implement Ranked Choice Voting to Reform Federal Elections

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall require Ranked Choice Voting for elections for both Senators and  
2 Representatives in all states. The House elections shall use Multi-Member  
3 Districts to choose representatives.

4 **SECTION 2.** Ranked Choice Voting in conjunction with Multi-Member Districts will replace  
5 the current election structure

6 A. Ranked Choice Voting is defined as a system where each voter ranks  
7 candidates for an office in order of preference

8 B. For Multi-Member Districts, if a state is entitled to six or more  
9 Representatives in Congress, the State shall establish a number of districts  
10 for the election of Representatives in the State that is less than the number  
11 of Representatives which the state is entitled, and Representatives shall be  
12 elected only from districts so established

13 C. Each district must have equal population as practicable per the U.S  
14 Constitution

15 D. Each district elects 3 to 5 representatives.

16 E. The number of representatives shall be the total U.S population divided by  
17 the population of the smallest state.

18 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Commission will oversee the enforcement of this legislation.  
19 \$2 billion dollars shall be allocated towards the process of adopting the RCV  
20 system. Such funding shall be used for equipment, software, and infrastructure  
21 necessary for the system.

22 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with this  
23 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Seven Lakes High School.*



## Item 11 - A Bill to Mitigate Stand-Your-Ground Laws to Reduce Criminal Violence

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** United States Federal Government will withhold all federal funding for public safety programs, including grants and direct aid, from states who have expanded stand-your-ground laws beyond the defense of the home until such time as those laws are repealed.

**SECTION 2.** Stand-Your-Ground laws will be defined as the castle doctrine's premise of self-defense in one's own home.

A. States who have expanded this law to extend legal protection for the use of deadly force, with no duty retreat, outside of one's property will be subject to the withholding of funds.

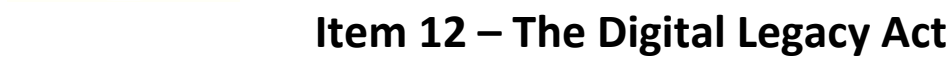
B. Funding may be reinstated upon the repeal of such laws.

C. Public safety agencies will be defined as a government agency that is responsible for the protection and well-being of the public, including law enforcement, fire protection, and medical assistance.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Katy Taylor High School.*



BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bellaire High School.*



## Item 13 - A Bill to Exempt Cash Tips from Federal Income Taxes to Raise Working Wages

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1   **SECTION 1.**   The United States will amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that  
2                   tips shall not be subject to income or employment taxes. This policy will be  
3                   targeted towards adjusting the salary of wage working and low-income  
4                   constituents.

5   **SECTION 2**   A. The Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (part VII of subchapter B of chapter 1) will  
6                   be amended to allow taxpayers to claim a 100% deduction at filing for cash tips.

7                   B. "Cash Tips" will be defined as gratuity payments in the form of cash, credit  
8                   and debit card charges, and checks that are intended to reward services  
9                   provided by wagedworkers.

10   **SECTION 3.**   A. The Secretary of the Treasury will oversee the implementation of this  
11                   legislation along with the specific enforcement mechanism.

12                   B. The Internal Revenue Service will be responsible for providing the 100% tax  
13                   deduction for cash tips.

14   **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect in FY 2026. All laws in conflict with this legislation  
15                   are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sandra Day O'Connor High School.*



## **Item 14 - A Bill to Renovate United States Fossil Fuel Processing Facilities to Promote Energy Efficiency and Independence**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** Fossil fuel processing facilities will receive tax deductions for money spent modernizing and optimizing operational processes, reducing methane leaks, and integrating advanced technologies.

**SECTION 2.** For this legislation:

A. Fossil Fuel Processing Facilities include refineries, processing plants, and pipelines that prepare fossil fuels for consumer use.

B. Advanced Technologies include carbon capture and storage (CCS), heat recovery, and predictive maintenance systems.

C. Methane Emissions refer to fugitive emissions from leaks in pipelines or equipment during fossil fuel extraction, processing, or transportation.

**SECTION 3.** A. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will oversee improvements made toward modernization and optimization. It will work with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to substantiate that claimed deductions match the improvements made.

B. Facilities receiving deductions must submit annual progress reports detailing the improvements' impact on emissions reductions, efficiency improvements, and energy price impacts.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on September 1st, 2025

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jack C. Hays High School.*



## Item 15 - A Bill to Remove Troops from South Korea

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The United States will withdraw all its remaining military personnel from South Korea effective immediately. Military support will still be available for South Korean use, if needed.

**SECTION 2.** Military support shall be defined as military aid and US military operations in conjunction with South Korean forces.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense (DoD) and the US Department of State will oversee implementation of this legislation.

A. The US Department of State will authorize distribution of military aid if needed.

B. The US Department of State will conduct yearly audits to ensure proper use of military aid, if distributed.

C. US military operations shall not be offensive, except in the case of aggression from South Korean adversaries such as North Korea, China and Russia.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in FY 2025. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bellaire High School.*





## Item 16 - A Bill to Strengthen Regional Alliances to Combat Iranian Proxy Networks in the Levant

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**     The United States shall implement a comprehensive strategy to strengthen regional  
2                             alliances in the Middle East to combat increasingly violent Iranian proxy groups.
- 3   **SECTION 2.**     For the purposes of this bill:
- 4                             **A.**   The comprehensive strategy includes the placing of Patriot missile systems in Israel,  
5                             Egypt, and Jordan, increased sharing of intelligence with both the Mossad,  
6                             Mukhabarat, and the GID, and the establishment of an official military and  
7                             diplomatic alliance between the United States, Israel, Egypt, and Jordan.
- 8                             **B.**   “Levant” refers to the Eastern Mediterranean region, including Syria, Jordan, Israel,  
9                             the Palestinian territories, and Iraq.
- 10                            **C.**   “Iranian proxy networks” include but are not limited to: Hezbollah, Hamas, the  
11                            Houthis, and other militant groups receiving support from the Iranian Revolutionary  
12                            Guard and/or the Quds Force.
- 13   **SECTION 3.**     The Department of State, in conjunction with the Department of Defense, shall oversee  
14                             the implementation of this strategy.
- 15                            **A.**   The Department of State shall oversee the overall foreign policy and diplomatic  
16                            issues regarding this strategy.
- 17                            **B.**   The Department of Defense shall oversee all military initiatives, the increased  
18                            sharing of intelligence with the Mossad, Mukhabarat, and GID, and the  
19                            establishment of an official military and diplomatic alliance between the US, Israel,  
20                            Egypt, and Jordan.
- 21   **SECTION 4.**     This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage. Alliance negotiations will  
22                             begin immediately, with military hardware procurement following the next  
23                             Congressional budgeting cycle.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Katy Taylor High School.*



## Item 17 - A Bill to Create Refugee Status for Venezuelan Migrants

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**     The United States shall establish a specific refugee status for Venezuelan migrants  
2                               fleeing political persecution, violence, or economic hardship, granting them a pathway  
3                               to permanent residency.
- 4   **SECTION 2.**     A. "Refugee status" shall refer to a protected immigration status allowing Venezuelan  
5                               migrants to reside and work in the United States legally.  
6                               B. "Venezuelan migrants" shall refer to individuals who are nationals of Venezuela or  
7                               habitual residents of Venezuela seeking asylum due to documented risks of persecution  
8                               or other significant hardships.
- 9   **SECTION 3.**     The Department of US Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the U.S.  
10                              Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will oversee the enforcement of this  
11                              legislation.
- 12                            A. A grant of \$100 million shall be allocated to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration  
13                              Services (USCIS) to support the implementation of this legislation.
- 14                            B. The USCIS will provide work visas to Venezuelan refugee applicants at its discretion,  
15                              prioritizing cases that demonstrate a significant need for immediate employment  
16                              authorization granting them immediate work eligibility upon approval of their initial  
17                              application
- 18                            C. The USCIS will coordinate with relevant agencies to facilitate job placements for  
19                              Venezuelan migrants in critical sectors such as healthcare, agriculture, and  
20                              education. Workers with higher experience in these sectors will be prioritized for  
21                              obtaining a work visa.
- 22                            D. A portion of the allocated funding will be used to create ESL programs specifically  
23                              for Venezuelan migrants to help them integrate and succeed in the US.
- 24   **SECTION 4.**     This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2026.
- 25   **SECTION 5.**     All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Prosper High School.*



## Item 18 – The Terminate Representatives' Activities in the Domain of Exchange (T.R.A.D.E.) Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1   **SECTION 1.**   The United States shall prohibit members of Congress and their immediate  
2                               family from engaging in the buying, selling, trading, and holding of stocks.

3   **SECTION 2.**   Immediate family shall be strictly defined as an individual's spouse, previous  
4                               legal guardians, or dependent children. Stocks will be defined as equity or partial  
5                               ownership within a company.

6   **SECTION 3.**   The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) shall oversee and implement regulations of  
7                               the following Standard:

8                               A. No member of congress nor their immediate family shall be permitted to  
9                               purchase or hold stocks during their tenure in office.

10                              B. Any stocks acquired prior to the enactment of this legislation must be  
11                              divested within a period of six months following its passage.

12                              C. Any member of Congress in violation of these provisions will incur a  
13                              monetary penalty amounting to 20% of the assets in question.

14   **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect in fiscal year 2026. All laws in conflict with this  
15                               legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Westlake High School.*



## Item 19 - The Amazon Rainforest Protection Act of 2025

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**     Recognizing the necessity of protecting the Amazon Rainforest,
- 2                   A.   The United States will provide Brazil \$10 billion in financial aid annually to acquire and
- 3                   preserve regions of the Amazon Rainforest at risk of deforestation.
- 4                   B.   The United States will provide \$500 million in aid annually to fund sustainable agricultural
- 5                   practices in Brazil.
- 6                   C.   The United States will establish an Amazon Security Task Force to conduct joint law
- 7                   enforcement and military operations with the Brazilian government to combat illicit
- 8                   activities in the Amazon.
- 9   **SECTION 2.**     A. "Sustainable farming practices" will focus on maximizing resource retention, safeguarding
- 10                   biodiversity, and reducing pollution.
- 11                   B. "Illicit activities in the Amazon" include: illegal logging, mining, farming, and other practices
- 12                   conducted in the Amazon that violate Brazilian law.
- 13                   C. "Financial aid" within Section 1A shall consist of payments to the governments of the nine
- 14                   Brazilian states with Amazonian territory, earmarked for land acquisition, preservation, and
- 15                   security measures.
- 16                   D. "Joint operations" under Section 1C will consist of voluntary coordination between Brazilian
- 17                   and American law enforcement agencies and both nations' armed forces with a mission of
- 18                   protecting the Amazon.
- 19   **SECTION 3.**     The US Agency for International Development (USAID), Department of Defense (DOD), and
- 20                   Department of State (DOS) will enforce this legislation.
- 21                   A.   USAID will receive an annual budget increase of \$10.5 billion from FY 2026 to FY 2046, for a
- 22                   total cost of \$210 billion over 20 years.
- 23                   B.   The Department of State will conduct audits no less than twice annually to examine the
- 24                   efficacy of US aid under this legislation and ensure compliance with US law. The State
- 25                   Department shall report its findings to Congress.
- 26   **SECTION 4.**     This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.
- 27   **SECTION 5.**     All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by L.C. Anderson High School.*



## Item 20 - A Bill to Establish a Cap-and-Trade Regulatory Framework

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**       To promote long-term environmental sustainability in American energy policy and effectively reduce  
2                           greenhouse gas emissions, the United States Congress shall:  
3                           A. Create a renewable electricity standard that requires retail electricity suppliers that sell more than 4  
4                           million megawatts of power to supply an increasing percentage of its demand each year from renewable  
5                           energy sources at a baseline quota of 30% by 2035 that will gradually increase by 10% every 5 calendar  
6                           years until such time as domestic energy is built upon the percentage of 100% renewable sources,  
7                           respectively.  
8                           B. Develop a cap-and-trade system through the issue of variable pricing tradable emissions permits for all  
9                           greenhouse gas emissions that consist of capped source emissions to be set to 50% of levels on the date of  
10                          passage of the legislation by 2040 that will gradually decrease by 10% every 5 calendar years until such time  
11                          as domestic energy production levels reach below 350 parts per million (ppm).  
12   **SECTION 2.**       A. The term “renewable energy source” shall be defined pursuant to 42 U.S. Code § 15852, which  
13                           establishes the definition as being produced from solar, wind, biomass, landfill gas, geothermal, municipal  
14                           solid waste, or new hydroelectric generation capacity achieved from increased efficiency or additions of  
15                           new capacity at an existing hydroelectric project.  
16                           B. The term “tradable emissions permit” shall be defined as one of a limited, set number of tradable permits  
17                           given by the government that gives firms the right to pollute one tonne of CO2 emissions.  
18   **SECTION 3.**       A. The Federal Electricity Regulatory Commission (FERC), Department of Energy (DOE), and the  
19                           Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall be responsible for the enforcement and implementation of  
20                           this legislation.  
21                           B. The FERC shall be responsible to implement the renewable electricity standard and ensure compliance is  
22                           fair and equitable in accordance with all pre-existing U.S. law not in conflict with this legislation.  
23                           C. The DOE and EPA shall be responsible for determining the total number of tradable emissions permits  
24                           that should be distributed to retail energy suppliers on a regular basis as well as enforcing the cap-and-trade  
25                           policy and updating permit prices.  
26                           D. Non-compliance without a good faith effort to comply (as determined by FERC) by a retail electricity  
27                           supplier shall result in the revocation of all tradable emissions permits by the EPA until compliance is  
28                           demonstrated.  
29   **SECTION 4.**       This legislation will take effect in FY 2026. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null  
30                           and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by The Village School.*