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**A Resolution Concerning Prescription Drug Advertisements**

1. **Whereas:** Direct to consumer prescription drug advertisements intend to sell the
2. drug rather than properly treat a medical condition; and
3. **Whereas:** Drug advertisements create false impressions and mislead consumers
4. instead of educating them; and
5. **Whereas:** Every dollar spent on advertising, \$4.00 is added onto the original drug
6. price; and
7. **Whereas:** The United States and New Zealand are the only two countries where direct
8. to consumer drug advertisements are legal; and
9. **Whereas:** Details of potentially harmful side effects are not sufficiently described in
10. the time of a television advertisement; and
11. **Whereas:** Some doctors would make decisions only in light of keeping patients
12. happy rather than lose business;
13. **Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Student Congress Here Assembled That:**
14. Direct to consumer prescription drug advertisements be banned in the United
15. States.

Respectfully submitted,

Deer Lakes High School

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A Resolution to Substantially Reduce the Number of Members in the  
Pennsylvania General Assembly

1 WHEREAS: The General Assembly has 253 members, making it the second-largest  
2 state legislature in the nation

3 WHEREAS: The high number of members makes the law-making process too lengthy.

4 WHEREAS: As of 2005, members' base pay was \$78,314, the fourth highest legislative  
5 salary in the nation, making it the costliest state legislature per capita in the U.S.

6 WHEREAS: Republicans hold a 30-20 majority in the Senate, and a 112-90 majority in  
7 the House. This creates a disproportionate representation of views.

8 WHEREAS: The production in the Pennsylvania General Assembly is poor as a result of  
9 too many members.

10 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE

11 ASSEMBLED THAT: The Pennsylvania General Assembly be called to a reelection with  
12 50 fewer members in the representation portion.

# 3

## A Resolution to Abolish Pre-implantation Genetic Diagnosis in the United States

1 WHEREAS: Success rate of the biopsy is only 41.4%, leaving the remaining 59.6% of  
2 potentially healthy embryos to be wasted.

3 WHEREAS: 2% of the time, an embryo identified as normal may actually have an  
4 abnormality

5 WHEREAS: 5% of the time, an embryo identified as abnormal and discarded was  
6 actually perfectly healthy.

7 WHEREAS: the procedure itself is expensive, ranging from \$9500 to \$34,000 excluding  
8 IVF fees.

9 WHEREAS: False testing can also lead to thousands of dollars spent in follow-up tests  
10 to ensure that a diagnosis is correct.

11 WHEREAS: European countries such as Germany and Italy have banned embryo  
12 freezing, egg donation and embryo screening for genetic diseases.

13 THEREFORE, be it resolved that by the Student Congress here assembled that pre-  
14 implantation genetic diagnosis be abolished within the United States.

# 4

## A Resolution to Tax the Elderly

1 WHEREAS: The elderly are an unnecessary drain on the economy, as they do not  
2 contribute to the national economy while they leech money through social security  
3 programs.

4 WHEREAS: The elderly are defined as those who exceed the average life expectancy  
5 of the United States.

6 WHEREAS: A tax on old people would eliminate an extremely large source of debt  
7 while simultaneously reducing existing debt through the collection of taxes from the  
8 elderly.

9 WHEREAS: The elderly have reaped the benefits of taxation before, and they now need  
10 to support the future generation.

11 WHEREAS: This is the last chance for the elderly to serve their country.

12 Therefore, be it resolved by the Student Congress here assembled that the elderly  
13 should be taxed.

5

## A Resolution to Establish a Minimum BMI for Modeling Agencies

1 WHEREAS: Many models develop eating disorders to achieve an unobtainable weight,  
2 and

3 WHEREAS: Anorexia nervosa and other eating disorders can result ultimately in death,  
4 and

5 WHEREAS: The image of unnaturally thin women adversely affects the views of size of  
6 teenage girls, and

7 WHEREAS: According to the National Eating Disorder Association, 42 percent of first  
8 through third grade girls say they want to be thinner, and

9 WHEREAS: Teenagers can become depressed from low self-esteem about their own  
10 body image, which may lead to suicide, and

11 WHEREAS: Monitoring BMI (Body Mass Index) can insure that models are at a healthy  
12 weight, and

13 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Student Congress assembled here today that  
14 all modeling agencies should be required to establish a minimum BMI for all working  
15 models.

# 6

## Making voting mandatory in United States

1 **Be it enacted by the Student Congress here assembled:**

2 Article I: All citizens of United States are hereby required to vote in  
3 Referendums, General Elections, Presidential Elections, Primary  
4 Elections, and Local elections.

5 Article II: Because of its unpredictable occurrence, voting in  
6 By-elections and Co-options will not be mandatory.

7 Article III: States will still be allowed to determine voter eligibility. Ex: States  
8 that allow their 17-year-old citizens to vote in their primary  
9 caucuses would still be able to implement their law.

10 Article IV: The voter turnout in United States has been going  
11 downhill since 1960s and the voter turnout in 2010 has been  
12 noted as only 41.5% of the total voting population.

13 Article V: A high turnout is important for a proper democratic mandate and  
14 the functioning of democracy. In this sense voting is a civic duty  
15 like Jury service.

16 Article VI: In Australia, voter registration and attendance at a polling booth  
17 has been mandatory since 1920. This strictly enforced law has  
18 resulted in a 98% voter turnout.

19 Article VII: A high voter turnout will result in the best estimated result from a  
20 majority opinion and will then be responsible for proper  
21 functioning of democratic values in United States.

22 Article VI: This bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

23 Article VII: All laws in conflict with this bill will hereby be declared null and  
24 void.

Respectfully submitted,

CYHS

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A Resolution to: Adopt President Obama's plan for revising the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).

1. WHEREAS: According to the National Center for Education Statistics' longitudinal
2. study, "there has been no improvement in student reading achievement for eighth-
3. graders compared to 2002; 25% of 8<sup>th</sup> graders scored below the Basic level in 2002 and
4. 2009.
5. WHEREAS: There are significant gaps among low-income students and minorities.
6. WHEREAS: Researchers from the Washington, D.C., Council for Basic Education have
7. raised concerns that foreign languages, history, and the arts receive insufficient attention
8. under 2002's No Child Left Behind, which focuses accountability requirements on
9. reading and mathematics.
10. WHEREAS: Under the multi tiered format of the proposed revisions, evaluations of
11. schools would better aid and reward progress made in the areas which are struggling
12. the most.
13. WHEREAS: With the proposed revisions, more funding would be given to competitive
14. grants, as opposed to the current allocations, which the U.S. Department of Education
15. refers to as "formula grants."
16. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Student Congress here assembled that:
17. This Student Congress adopt President Obama's plan for revising the Elementary and
18. Secondary Education Act (ESEA).

Respectively submitted by  
Pine-Richland High School



## A Resolution to Legalize Medically Assisted Suicide

1. WHEREAS: Terminally ill patients with no other options suffer extreme
2. internal torture, and
3. WHEREAS: Euthanasia can end a suffering life in a matter of minutes,
4. and
5. WHEREAS: The definition of euthanasia suggests a painless death, and
6. WHEREAS: it would otherwise take longer for the patient to pass away
7. and therefore uses resources that would have been available to other
8. patients who have the will and the potential to survive, and
9. WHEREAS: physician-assisted suicide only kills willing, competent
10. subjects.
11. Therefore, be it resolved by the PHSSL Student Congress here
12. assembled that the United States should legalize medically assisted
13. suicide.

Respectfully submitted,

SR

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A Resolution to Abolish Birthright Citizenship in the United States

1 WHEREAS: Every child born in the United States is automatically granted  
2 citizenship regardless of parent legal status.

3 WHEREAS: Out of 194 nations, the United States is one of only 30  
4 nations that grant birthright citizenship.

5 WHEREAS: According to a study done by the Pew Hispanic Center of the  
6 Census Bureau, in 2008, as many as 340,000 of the 4.3 million babies  
7 born in the United States had at least one illegal parent.

8 WHEREAS: Illegal immigrants use "anchor babies" as a means by which  
9 they can stay in the United States.

10 WHEREAS: Misguided intention often leads to child neglect.

11 WHEREAS: The issue of overpopulation is a growing problem in the  
12 United States.

13 Therefore, be it resolved by the PHSSL student congress here assembled  
14 that birthright citizenship in the United States be abolished.

Respectfully submitted,

Iroquois High School

## A Resolution to Stop All "Occupy" Movements

1 WHEREAS: Hundreds of Occupy movements have sprung up across the world.

2 WHEREAS: Law enforcement is having difficulty maintaining city safety in light of these  
3 protests

4 WHEREAS: Occupy Rome has proven that protests and protestors can turn violent

5 WHEREAS: Clashes with the police have already become common in the Occupy  
6 movements located in the United States

7 WHEREAS: Domestic tranquility in the common defense can be compromised by such  
8 movements.

9 Therefore, may it be resolved by the Student Congress here assembled that the  
10 government use any necessary force to bring an end to the Occupy movements.

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**A Resolution to Restore Diplomatic Relations with the Islamic Republic of Iran**

1. WHEREAS: The United States of America has not had official diplomatic relations with
2. the Islamic Republic of Iran since prior to the 1979 Iranian Revolution, and;
3. WHEREAS: Any communication with the nation since 2003 has been highly strained or
4. nonexistent, largely due to a number of incidents including but not limited to: the
5. Iranian nuclear development program, alleged Iranian government support for Islamist
6. insurgent groups in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the 2011 Saudi ambassador assassination
7. plot, and;
8. WHEREAS: Restoring diplomatic relations with Iran would give the United States more
9. awareness of public and private Iranian matters and would allow for free trade
10. between our nations, and;
11. WHEREAS: In addition, peace agreements would insure protection from Iran's ever-
12. growing nuclear program, and ensure that more US eyes and ears are aware of Middle-
13. Eastern matters.
14. Therefore be it resolved that: The United States allow for diplomatic relations and free trade with the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Respectfully submitted by,

Wesley Hurd

Fairview High School

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## **A Bill to Legalize the Sale of Human Organs**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The sale of human organs within the United States shall be legalized.
3. **SECTION 2.** A. All legal operations will take place only at government hospitals.
  - i. B. Both parties (supplier and consumer) must be present at a hospital consultation prior to the operation.
  - ii. C. Government hospitals will provide the venue for transactions to take place, but transactions shall be through government agency.
  - iii. D. Mark-ups on government purchase and resale shall be prohibited.
4. **SECTION 3.** An agency shall be established within the United States Department of Health and Human Services to oversee all transactions.
5. **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect within six months of passage.
6. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

North Allegheny High School

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**A Bill to Switch Elementary and High School Start Times**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Schools receiving federal funding shall be limited to specific start times.
3. **SECTION 2.** A. High schools must establish start times between 8:30 and 9:30 A.M.
  - i. B. Elementary schools must establish start times between 6:30 and 7:30 A.M.
4. **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of Education will be responsible for implementation and oversight.
  - i. B. Schools that do not report legal official start times within two years of the passage of this bill and/or do not comply with said times shall be subject to a cut in federal assistance.
5. **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect at the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year.
6. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,  
North Allegheny High School

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## **A Bill to Make Exotic Pets Illegal Nation-Wide**

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** Private ownership of exotic pets shall be made illegal throughout the
2. United States of America.
3. **SECTION 2.** Exotic pets shall be defined as wild animals that are unable to be
4. domesticated by humans.
5. **SECTION 3.** The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and Control shall oversee
6. the enforcement of this bill through surveillance techniques of animals
7. being imported to the country and being moved within the country. They shall
8. repossess any exotic animals they discover and donate them to the nearest
9. zoo that can house them.
10. **SECTION 4.** Enforcement of this bill shall begin on 1 January 2012, but will
11. provide two months for any current owners of exotic pets to get rid of
12. their animals via legal means.
13. **SECTION 5.** All other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be
14. declared null and void.

Introduced by Mercyhurst Preparatory School

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## A Resolution to Abolish Trials as Adults for Minors

1. **WHEREAS:** Developmental research does not provide a clear cut boundary
2. between adulthood and adolescence.
3. **WHEREAS:** It is shown that adolescents cannot control their impulses or foresee 4. the
- consequences of their actions as adequately as adults can.
5. **WHEREAS:** Rehabilitation is more beneficial to address than punishment for
6. minors.
7. **WHEREAS:** Studies show that children tried in adult courts are more likely to be 8.
- rearrested.
9. **WHEREAS:** In states such as Florida that allow minors to be prosecuted as
10. adults have the highest juvenile crime rates.
11. **THEREFORE:** Let it be resolved by the PHSSL student congress here
12. assembled, that trials as adults for minors are unjust.

Respectfully submitted,

Mercer Jr / Sr. High School