

## Connect America Act

1. Be it enacted by this Congress here assembled that:
2. **Section I:** All current railroad tracks are hereby publicly acquired. Current railways that connect
3. major cities within each region of the U.S. will be upgraded to high speed rails (HSR). Upon
4. completion, at least one (1) HSR will be developed to connect regions.
5. **Section II:** Just compensation will be given to railroad companies. Private freight trains will still
6. be allowed to operate on public rail lines for a fee no greater than the cost of rail maintenance.
7. Priority will always be given to Amtrak trains. HSR shall be defined as track that can support
8. trains traveling at speeds of at least one hundred twenty (120) miles per hour. Regions and the
9. states inside them shall be decided by the Federal Railroad Administration. There will be no
10. interstate rail connections to Alaska or Hawaii.
11. **Section III:** The Federal Railroad Administration and the Department of Transportation shall be
12. in charge of executing this bill. Federal grants will match state developed railroads at a rate of
13. eight (8) federal dollars to one (1) state dollar. 300 billion dollars shall be provided to pay for new
14. and upgraded tracks, as well as federal grants regarding railroads. Train tickets will be subsidised
15. at a rate of forty (40) percent. These costs shall be paid for by a ten (10) percent tax on all
16. domestic passenger flights and imported cars. Any further costs will be covered by bonds which
17. shall be repaid by revenue from Amtrak tickets, after which no profits shall be made by Amtrak.
18. **Section IV:** All laws in conflict with this legislation shall hereby be declared null and void.
19. **Section V:** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2020. Construction deadlines shall be
20. set by the Department of Transportation and shall be no later than December 31, 2040.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leo Greco

Churchill High School

### **Bill to Higher the Smoking Age**

1. Be it enacted by this Student Congress here assembled:
2. **Section I:** That the national smoking age requirement be raised to 21 years old.
3. **Section II:** A1) This bill prohibits the selling, buying, or the possession of any nicotine
4. induced product for anyone under the age of 21. A2) This bill refers products including
5. but not limited to both cigarettes (electronic and not) and vapes. B)ID is to be required
6. proving that one is of 21 years of age with every purchase or transaction of a nicotine
7. induced product.
8. **Section III:** Each state government is responsible for executing the terms of this bill.
9. Penalties for underage smoking will remain the same, the only change being the
10. definition of underage, which will now be 21 years old. There are no other financial
11. regards to this bill.
12. **Section IV:** All conflicting legislation with this bill are hereby declared null and void.
13. **Section V:** This bill will be implemented as of January 1, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amal Sayed

Dearborn High School

## Bill to Limit Class Size

1. Be it enacted by this Congress assembled here:
2. **Section I:** Class size shall be limited in public schools.
3. **Section II:** A class shall be defined as a room in a public school where students gather to
4. receive at least 30 minutes of instruction by a certified teacher. Public schools shall be
5. defined as a school supported by public funds.
6. **Section III:** The size of classes in kindergarten through grade 3 shall be limited to 15
7. students per teacher. In grades 4 and 5 class size shall not exceed 20 students per teacher.
8. Class size for grades 6 through 12 shall not exceed 25 students.
9. **Section IV:** The Michigan Department of Education will be responsible for the
10. enforcement of this bill. Any violation of this bill will result in a 5% decrease in funding
11. to the violating school from the state of Michigan until compliance occurs. Any necessary
12. funding for this bill will come from a \$1 tax excise increase per 12 ounce drink for beer,
13. 5 ounce drink for wine, and 1.5 ounce drink for spirits.
14. **Section V:** Any and all laws or portions of the law in conflict of this bill are hereby
15. declared null and void.
16. **Section VI:** This bill will be implemented on July 1, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Ariana Ramage

South Lyon High School

### Bill to Require Uniforms in Public Schools

1. Be it enacted by this Congress here assembled that:
2. **Section I:** This bill shall require that all public schools require a common uniform.
3. **Section II:** Dress codes decided upon previously by the schools will still apply to the
4. uniforms, however can be adjusted based on the uniform. Males, will be required to wear
5. a school uniform collared shirt (tucked in), and black or navy dress pants. Females will
6. be required to wear a school uniform collared shirt (tucked in). As well as leggings, black
7. or navy dress pants, or a uniform skirt reaching just above the knee or lower, worn over
8. black leggings. All students will also be given the option of wearing a V neck uniform
9. sweatshirt over the collared shirt which must be tucked, and fully buttoned (or with top
10. button unbuttoned). The gender in this bill will be determined through biology, except
11. in the case of transgender male or females, in which case they will be considered the
12. gender they choose. Black formal shoes are required amongst all students.
13. **Section III:** All uniforms will be provided by the school of no charge to the student. Any
14. additional uniform parts will cost a fee to be paid to the school. Additional uniform
15. parts will be defined as a uniform V neck collar sweatshirt. Students may wear any form
16. of coat, hoodie, or sweatshirt over their uniform off of school premises, but on school
17. premises the uniform must be completely visible.
18. **Section IV:** This bill will be enforced by the U.S. Department of Education. The
19. punishment for a student who resists to comply will vary: first offense is call home,
20. second and third offense is detention, and the fourth offense will result in an immediate
21. suspension from the school over an amount of time the school board sees fit. Any schools
22. that refuse to comply will be fined by \$10,000 as well as an additional \$300 per month of
23. not cooperating. 0.001% of the U.S. Military budget will be used to fund this bill.
24. **Section V:** All other laws conflicting with this bill are hereby declared null and void.
25. **Section VI:** This bill will be implemented on July 25, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Purvaai Bhatnagar

South Lyon East High School



## A Bill to Eliminate the Penny

1. Be it enacted by this congress here assembled:
2. **Section I:** Pennies shall be no longer hold any value as United States currency.
3. **Section II:** Pennies May be exchanged for other denominations of currency for a one
4. year period to banks which will receive exchange these with the Federal Reserve.
5. **Section III:** Prices may not prices that require the usage of pennies. This means
6. businesses that accept physically money must have prices that have costs more specific
7. that five cents.
8. **Section IV:** Department of Treasury will assume the responsibilities of this bill. Any
9. expenses involved with this bill will be paid for my the preexisting funds provided to the
10. Department of Treasury.
11. **Section V:** Businesses in violation of this bill will be fined \$1000 when discovered to be
12. in violation to the pricing section of this bill.
13. **Section VI:** All laws in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and void.
14. **Section VII:** This bill shall be implemented on January 1st, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Zenas

Stevenson High School

## Bill to Ban Solitary Confinement

1. Be it enacted by this Congress here assembled that:
2. **Section I:** The use of solitary confinement in United States prisons shall
3. be banned.
4. **Section II:** Solitary confinement shall be defined as the isolation of an inmate in
5. an individual cell that minimizes human contact for 2 days or more.
6. **Section III:** The Department of Justice will execute this bill along with all
7. subsequent responsibilities. The renovation of prisons to comply with this bill will
8. be funded by the aforementioned agency. Additional funds required for
9. renovations will be derived from a 5 percent decrease in the funding of the US
10. military. Any facilities not in compliance with this bill shall be fined 100,000 USD
11. every 2 months of noncompliance.
12. **Section IV:** All other laws conflicting with or pertaining to this law are now null
13. and void.
14. **Section V:** This legislation will be implemented on April 1, 2020.
15. Prisons will be given a grace period of 4 years to comply with this bill. Thereafter,
16. fines will be imposed per this bill.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rishith Seelam

Novi High School