



***NOT ALL SUPERHEROES
WEAR CAPES...***

...SOME WEAR SUITS.

STATE AFFAIRS PROPOSAL BOOK

**YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT
DISTRICT CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER 10, 2018**



YMCA MISSION: To put Christian values into practice to build health spirit, mind and body for all.

...a hero is any person really intent on making this a better place for all people. -Maya Angelou

Since 1946, Texas Youth and Government has taught teens to become responsible citizens and future leaders of our nation by providing hands-on experience in the mechanics of government and media while delivering quality competition opportunities throughout the year.

Whether arguing a case, reporting a story, or proposing a solution, our delegates learn skills for a lifetime. Our goal is to raise the next generation of servant leaders, true statespeople who employ a sense of social responsibility to care for one another and to leave things better than they found them. Our impact studies show our teens are responsible citizens and faithful voters.

Distinguished Speaker & Hero Suzanne Smith



Suzanne Smith grew up in North Texas and went to Rockwall High School and the Texas Academy of Math & Science. Her favorite part was being part of YMCA Texas Youth and Government. She is deeply committed to making a difference and found her calling at an early age as both a social activist and entrepreneur. Suzanne holds an MBA from Duke University's Fuqua School of Business, where she was selected as the CASE (Center for the Advancement of Social Entrepreneurship) Scholar. Her first job was for the City of Garland and it led to a number of great roles at Texas Municipal League, Phoenix House and the American Heart Association. One of her greatest achievements was co-founding the Alliance for a Healthier Generation – one of the country's first movements focused on combating childhood obesity – with a team from the William J. Clinton Foundation.

In 2009, after business school, Suzanne founded her own company - Social Impact Architects, a registered Benefit Corporation to reshape the business of social change. She is also a highly sought-after public speaker at conferences nationwide, including being selected as a featured speaker at TEDxTurtleCreekWomen, and teaches as an adjunct professor at the University of Texas at Arlington.

Suzanne also served Youth and Government in her 20s as volunteer for the Highland Park YMCA and in various leadership roles for the State Conference, including leading the Hyde House and serving on the Board. She loves spreading her passion about public service to young people through Youth and Government and HOBY.

For her outstanding work as a leading thinker, she was recognized with the Next Generation Social Entrepreneur Award by the Social Enterprise Alliance. In 2015-2018, Social Impact Architects has consistently been recognized as one of the "Best for the World" small businesses by B Corp. Suzanne also authors and has published articles in Forbes, The Chronicle of Philanthropy, See Change and many more. She has served a number of appointed posts for the City of Dallas and is known for her can-do spirit. She was honored to receive the Dallas Business Journal's 40 under 40 award in 2012 and the Dallas Regional Chamber's Young ATHENA Leadership Award in 2014. When she isn't traveling to speak, consult or discover new places, she can be found playing with her eight nieces and nephews or writing her first book on the social sector.

Democracy must be learned by each generation in order

to survive. -Clement P. Duran, Hero, Founder of Youth and Government

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Cover Art and Inks

Sina Grace currently writes for the dynamic and innovative **Iceman** for Marvel Comics. He is also known for his work on **Burn the Orphanage**, **Li'l Depressed Boy** and his own autobiographical work, **Not My Bag**.



Cover Colors

Shaun Steven Struble has colored and written for **Adventure Time** and **Regular Show** with Boom Comics and is best known for his critically acclaimed writing of Image Comics' **Li'l Depressed Boy**.

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

7:00 am Check in – Auditoriums and Lobbies

HIGH SCHOOL

8:00 am Opening Ceremonies, Alexander Auditorium
8:30 am Legislative Campaign, Alexander Auditorium
Legislative Evaluator Training, Alexander Foyer
Judicial Volunteer Training, B-104, Main Bldg
 Judicial exit and go to Main Entrance to B Hall
 Media to J-105 and assigned beats
 State Affairs to Choral Rooms

SENIOR LEGISLATIVE West Campus, B Hall, 2nd floor

8:30 - 9:00 am Legislative Campaign
 Volunteer Training—Alexander Foyer
9:15 - 12:15 pm Hearing Committees with Break
12:15 - 1:00 pm Lunch in West Cafeteria
1:10 - 3:00 pm Voting; Set Joint Docket; set rooms
3:10 - 4:45 pm Joint Session, Alexander Auditorium
5:00 pm Closing & Awards, Alexander Auditorium

MEDIA

8:00 - 9:00 am Opening Ceremony coverage
9:00 - 12:30 pm Assigned Beats
12:30 pm Lunch in West Cafeteria
12:30 - 3:00 pm Assigned Beats
3:00 - 4:45 pm Wrap up
5:00 pm Closing & Awards, Alexander Auditorium

STATE AFFAIRS

8:40 - 12:00 pm Campaign; First Committees
12:15 - 1:15 pm Lunch in West Cafeteria
1:25 - 2:30 pm Voting and Finish First Committees
2:30 - 3:30 pm Second Committees
3:40 pm - 4:45 pm General Assembly. West Cafeteria
5:00 pm Closing & Awards, Alexander Auditorium

JUDICIAL

8:00 am Volunteer Training in RM B-104
9:00 am Rounds begin
12:30 pm—1:00 pm Lunch in West Cafeteria
1:30 Voting in courtrooms; Rounds resume
4:45 Wrap up
5:00 pm Closing & Awards, Alexander Auditorium

MIDDLE SCHOOL

8:40 am Opening Ceremonies, Shine Auditorium
9:10 am Legislative Campaign, Shine Auditorium
Legislative Evaluator Training, Shine Foyer
 State Affairs to Choral Rooms
4:45 pm Sections dismiss to closing ceremonies

JUNIOR LEGISLATIVE

9:10 - 10:00 am Legislative Campaign
 Volunteer Training—Shine Auditorium
10:00 - 11:20 pm Hearing Committees
11:30 - 12:30 pm Lunch in C-100
12:40 - 3:20 pm Hearing Committees
3:30 - 4:45 pm JYG Joint Session—Shine Auditorium
 Duran Council Joint Session—RM K-122
5:00 pm Closing & Awards, Alexander Auditorium

JUNIOR STATE AFFAIRS

9:10 - 11:30 am Campaign; First Committees
11:40 - 12:40 pm Lunch in C-100
12:50—1:30 pm Voting and Finish First Committees
1:30 pm - 3:20 pm Second Committees
3:30 pm - 4:45 pm General Assembly
5:00 pm Closing & Awards, Alexander Auditorium

WHERE TO GO

SENIOR LEGISLATIVE

Office	B-204	Committee L	B-223
Committee A	B-115	Committee M	B-229
Committee B	B-116	Committee N	B-230
Committee C	B-117	Committee O	B-231
Committee D	B-118	Committee P	B-237
Committee E	B-119	Committee Q	B-241
Committee F	B-215	Committee R	B-262
Committee G	B-214	Committee S	B-261
Committee H	B-213	Committee T	B-260
Committee I	B-221	Committee U	B-259
Committee J	B-211	Committee V	B-258
Committee K	B-222		

JUDICIAL

Volunteer Lounge	B-104	Office	B-103
Trial Court Room A	B-108	Trial Court Room L	B-126
Trial Court Room B	B-102	Trial Court Room M	B-123
Trial Court Room C	B-100	Trial Court Room N	B-122
Trial Court Room D	B-101	Trial Court Room O	B-129
Trial Court Room E	B-105	Trial Court Room P	B-128
Trial Court Room F	B-106	Trial Court Room Q	B-125
Trial Court Room G	B-107	Appellate Court A	B-115
Trial Court Room H	B-131	Appellate Court B	B-116
Trial Court Room I	B-132	Appellate Court C	B-117
Trial Court Room J	B-130	Appellate Court D	B-118
Trial Court Room K	B-127	Appellate Court E	B-119

STATE AFFAIRS HIGH SCHOOL

Office	K-137
Committee A	K-102
Committee B	K-104
Committee C	K-105
Committee D	K-132

STATE AFFAIRS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Committee A	K-133
Committee B	K-134
Committee C	K-135
Committee D	K-136

JUNIORYG LEGISLATIVE

Office	M-115	Committee M	M-128
Committee A	M-100	Committee N	M-125
Committee B	M-101	Committee O	M-126
Committee C	M-102	Committee P	M-123
Committee D	M-108	Committee Q	M-124
Committee E	M-107	Committee R	M-121
Committee F	M-110	Committee S	M-116
Committee G	M-109	Committee T	M-129
Committee H	M-112	Committee U	M-130
Committee I	M-111	Committee V	M-132
Committee J	M-114	Committee W	M-133
Committee K	M-113	Committee X	M-134
Committee L	M-127	Committee Y	M-135
		Committee Z	M-136

COMMITTEE AND ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

HIGH SCHOOL STATE AFFAIRS						
SCHOOL/CLUB	YMCA	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	PROPOSAL #	COMMITTEE	ROOM #
Barack Obama Male Leadership Academy	Moorland YMCA	Josue	Cabrera	60	D	K-132
Barack Obama Male Leadership Academy	Moorland YMCA	Ahmad	Crawford	40	C	K-105
Boyd High School	McKinney YMCA	Alex	French	61	D	K-132
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Lesli	Chavez	1	A	K-102
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Moises	Garza	1	A	K-102
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Kamryn	Crowder	41	C	K-105
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Blessing	Adeleke	41	C	K-105
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Chase	Anderson	41	C	K-105
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Madison	Davis	62	D	K-132
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Diana	Estrada	20	B	K-104
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Richel	Murata	20	B	K-104
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Adrian	Gallegos	20	B	K-104
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Matthew	Garcia	63	D	K-132
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Oscar	Salazar	63	D	K-132
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Robert	Jones	63	D	K-132
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Genesis	Lopez	42	C	K-105
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Grecia	Herrera-Herrera	42	C	K-105
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Angel	Luong	2	A	K-102
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Araceli	Sena-Ayala	2	A	K-102
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Jaalenn	Robinson	64	D	K-132
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Anastasia	Vargas	21	B	K-104
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Victoria	Vargas	21	B	K-104
Episcopal School of Dallas	Town North YMCA	Meera	Gangasani	22	B	K-104
Episcopal School of Dallas	Town North YMCA	Nikash	Harapanahalli	3	A	K-102
Episcopal School of Dallas	Town North YMCA	Natalie	Parker	23	B	K-104
Highland Park High School	Moody Family YMCA	Emma	Brunk	65	D	K-132
Highland Park High School	Moody Family YMCA	Noah	Busbee	4	A	K-102
Highland Park High School	Moody Family YMCA	Ryan	Deitch	5	A	K-102
Highland Park High School	Moody Family YMCA	David	Jiang	6	A	K-102
Highland Park High School	Moody Family YMCA	Andrew	Lind	66	D	K-132
Highland Park High School	Moody Family YMCA	Daniel	Carrillo	66	D	K-132
Highland Park High School	Moody Family YMCA	Krishan	Patel	43	C	K-105
Highland Park High School	Moody Family YMCA	Nrithi	Subramanian	44	C	K-105
Highland Park High School	Moody Family YMCA	Gertrud	Bucchave	44	C	K-105
Highland Park High School	Moody Family YMCA	Emilie	Hong	44	C	K-105
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Sydney	Brown	24	B	K-104
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Anusha	Malla	24	B	K-104
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Simran	Singh	24	B	K-104
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Insha	Dosmohomed	67	D	K-132
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Sudiksha	Pai	67	D	K-132
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Sanya	Hedge	68	D	K-132
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Triveni	Khatari	68	D	K-132
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Angela	John	69	D	K-132
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Catherine	Shepard	69	D	K-132
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Olivia	Olaturji	69	D	K-132
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Parsa	Naghshineh	45	C	K-105
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Armita	Katarapu	45	C	K-105
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Kaivala	Meduri	45	C	K-105
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Ethan	Ong	25	B	K-104
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Ava	Karkuschke	25	B	K-104
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Ananya	Vegesna	25	B	K-104
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Zach	Plyer	7	A	K-102
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Amr	Kinnare	7	A	K-102
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Kaza	Nawroki	7	A	K-102
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Genevieve	Renker	26	B	K-104
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Emily	Ramsey	26	B	K-104
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Saigeethan	Sathivell	46	C	K-105
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Ashton	McEwan	46	C	K-105
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Abhi	Abhi	46	C	K-105

Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Shyla	Sinha	47	C	K-105
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Jesse	Elliot	47	C	K-105
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Rebekah	Tomas	47	C	K-105
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Anushka	Verma	8	A	K-102
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Tiffani	Ngari	8	A	K-102
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Victoria	Beauvoir-Reateg	8	A	K-102
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Nicholas	Young	9	A	K-102
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Caden	Hollingsworth	9	A	K-102
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Michael	Obesna	9	A	K-102
Lakehill Preparatory School	White Rock YMCA	Katherine	Eastus	27	B	K-104
Lakehill Preparatory School	White Rock YMCA	Montgomery	Rotellini	27	B	K-104
Lakehill Preparatory School	White Rock YMCA	Spencer	Friesen	10	A	K-102
Lakehill Preparatory School	White Rock YMCA	George	Jones	10	A	K-102
Lakehill Preparatory School	White Rock YMCA	Greg	Gillman	48	C	K-105
Lakehill Preparatory School	White Rock YMCA	Justin	Reed	48	C	K-105
Lakehill Preparatory School	White Rock YMCA	Benjamin	Gillman	28	B	K-104
Lakehill Preparatory School	White Rock YMCA	Kumail	Imam	28	B	K-104
Lakeview Centennial High School	White Rock YMCA	Benjamin	Tolson	29	B	K-104
Lakeview Centennial High School	White Rock YMCA	Emiliano	Vera	29	B	K-104
Lakeview Centennial High School	White Rock YMCA	Jonathan	Garcia	29	B	K-104
Palestine High School	Palestine YMCA	Morgan	Allen	49	C	K-105
Richardson Homeschool Delegation High School	Richardson YMCA	Griffin	Beaudreau	30	B	K-104
Richardson Homeschool Delegation High School	Richardson YMCA	Vincent	Hyland	70	D	K-132
Richardson Homeschool Delegation High School	Richardson YMCA	Madison	Irvine	11	A	K-102
Richardson Homeschool Delegation High School	Richardson YMCA	Kevin	Underhill	50	C	K-105
Westwood High School	Palestine YMCA	Cayla	Barlow	12	A	K-102
Heritage High School	McKinney YMCA	Kaivalya	Meduri	51	C	K-105
Episcopal School of Dallas, High School	Town North YMCA	Katherine	Sullivan	52	C	K-105
Episcopal School of Dallas, High School	Town North YMCA	Ava	Finn	71	D	K-132
Highland Park High School	Moody Family YMCA	Sophia	Chung	31	B	K-104
Highland Park High School	Moody Family YMCA	Leila	Gottlieb	32	B	K-104

TEAMS AND TOPICS - HIGH SCHOOL SAF

LOCAL CLUB/SCHOOL:	YMCA BRANCH:	First Name:	Last Name:		Topic Number:	Proposal Topic Area:	Proposal #
Barack Obama Male Leadership Academy	Moorland YMCA	Josue	Cabrera		34	National and Foreign Affairs	60
Barack Obama Male Leadership Academy	Moorland YMCA	Ahmad	Crawford		27	Economy	40
Boyd High School	McKinney YMCA	Alex	French		6	Education	61
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Lesli	Chavez	Moises Garza	18	Health	1
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Kamryn	Crowder	Blessing Adeleke	20	Health	41
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Madison	Davis		14	Technology	62
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Diana	Estrada	Richel Murata	19	Health	20
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Matthew	Garcia	Oscar Salazar	30	National and Foreign Affairs	63
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Genesis	Lopez	Gracia Herrera-Herrera	32	National and Foreign Affairs	42
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Angel	Luong	Araceli Sena-Ayala	6	Education	2
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Jaelenn	Robinson		5	Education	64
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Anastasia	Vargas	Victoria Vargas	9	Civil Liberties	21
Episcopal School of Dallas	Town North YMCA	Meera	Gangasani		21	Health	22
Episcopal School of Dallas	Town North YMCA	Nikash	Harapanahalli		11	Civil Liberties	3
Episcopal School of Dallas	Town North YMCA	Natale	Parker		30	National and Foreign Affairs	23
Highland Park High School	Moody Family YMCA	Emma	Brunk		20	Health	65
Highland Park High School	Moody Family YMCA	Noah	Busbee		25	Economy	4
Highland Park High School	Moody Family YMCA	Ryan	Deitch		34	National and Foreign Affairs	5
Highland Park High School	Moody Family YMCA	David	Jiang	Daniel Carrillo	15	Technology	6
Highland Park High School	Moody Family YMCA	Andrew	Lind		23	Health	66
Highland Park High School	Moody Family YMCA	Krishan	Patel		17	Technology	43
Highland Park High School	Moody Family YMCA	Nrithi	Subramanian	Gertrud Bucchave	5	Education	44
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Sydney	Brown	Anusha Malla	12	Civil Liberties	24
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Insha	Dosmohomed	Sudiksha Pai	29	National and Foreign Affairs	67
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Sanya	Hedge	Triveni Khattari	24	Health	68
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Angela	John	Catherine Shepard	26	Economy	69
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Parsa	Naghsineh	Armita Katarapu	22	Health	45
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Ethan	Ong	Ava Karkuschke	14	Technology	25
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Zach	Plyer	Amr Kinnare	34	National and Foreign Affairs	7
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Genevieve	Renker	Emily Ramsey	6	Education	26
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Salgeethan	Sathivell	Ashton McEwan	10	Civil Liberties	46
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Shyla	Sinha	Jesse Elliot	19	Health	47
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Anushka	Verma	Tiffani Ngari	9	Civil Liberties	8
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Nicholas	Young	Caden Hollingsworth	5	Education	9
Lakehill Preparatory School	White Rock YMCA	Katherine	Eastus	Montgomery Rotellini	27	Economy	27
Lakehill Preparatory School	White Rock YMCA	Greg	Friesen	George Jones	10	Health	10
Lakehill Preparatory School	White Rock YMCA	Benjamin	Gillman	Justin Reed	14	Technology	48
Lakehill Preparatory School	White Rock YMCA	Benjamin	Gillman	Kumail Inam	6	Education	28
Lakeview Centennial High School	White Rock YMCA	Morgan	Tolson	Emiliano Vera	30	National and Foreign Affairs	29
Palestine High School	Palestine YMCA	Griffin	Allen		20	Health	49
Richardson Homeschool Delegation High School	Richardson YMCA	Vincent	Beaudreau		13	Technology	30
Richardson Homeschool Delegation High School	Richardson YMCA	Madison	Hyland		6	Education	70
Richardson Homeschool Delegation High School	Richardson YMCA	Kevin	Irvine		24	Health	11
Westwood High School	Palestine YMCA	Cayla	Underhill		9	Civil Liberties	50
Heritage High School	McKinney YMCA	Kaivalya	Barlow		17	Technology	12
Episcopal School of Dallas, High School	Town North YMCA	Katherine	Meduri				51
Episcopal School of Dallas, High School	Town North YMCA	Ava	Sullivan				52
Highland Park High School	Moody Family YMCA	Sophia	Finn				71
Highland Park High School	Moody Family YMCA	Leila	Chung				31
Highland Park High School	Moody Family YMCA		Gottlieb				32

COMMITTEE AND ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

JUNIORYG STATE AFFAIRS - MIDDLE SCHOOL

SCHOOL/CLUB	YMCA	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	PROPOSAL NUMBER	JYG COMMITTEE	ROOM #
Austin Academy for Excellence	White Rock YMCA	Alena	Abraham	11	C	K-135
Austin Academy for Excellence	White Rock YMCA	Emilee	Altimore	70	C	K-135
Austin Academy for Excellence	White Rock YMCA	Akshaya	Chandrashekhar	30	A	K-133
Austin Academy for Excellence	White Rock YMCA	Margaret	Diaz	12	A	K-133
Austin Academy for Excellence	White Rock YMCA	Hannah	Fishpaw	30	A	K-133
Austin Academy for Excellence	White Rock YMCA	Sarah	Hernandez	30	A	K-133
Austin Academy for Excellence	White Rock YMCA	Sarah	Hernandez	12	A	K-133
Austin Academy for Excellence	White Rock YMCA	Khanh	Hoang	9	B	K-134
Austin Academy for Excellence	White Rock YMCA	Lindsey	Khuu	9	B	K-134
Austin Academy for Excellence	White Rock YMCA	Shalini	Kurian	10	B	K-134
Austin Academy for Excellence	White Rock YMCA	Mia	Reyes	13	D	K-136
Austin Academy for Excellence	White Rock YMCA	Sheena	Vaghela	11	C	K-135
Austin Academy for Excellence	White Rock YMCA	Eva	Vincent	10	B	K-134
Austin Academy for Excellence	White Rock YMCA	Simira	Zepeda	13	D	K-136
Christian Heritage Academy	Palestine YMCA	Hayden	Jorgensen	23	B	K-134
Coppell Middle West	Coppell YMCA	Pratham	Agarwal	42	A	K-133
Coppell Middle West	Coppell YMCA	Sanjana	Amanana	50	B	K-134
Coppell Middle West	Coppell YMCA	Ananya	Atluri	50	B	K-134
Coppell Middle West	Coppell YMCA	Sumith	Chittimalla	54	B	K-134
Coppell Middle West	Coppell YMCA	Zacharia	Cody			
Coppell Middle West	Coppell YMCA	Julian	Fitzgerald			
Coppell Middle West	Coppell YMCA	Rithvik	Gabri	71	D	K-136
Coppell Middle West	Coppell YMCA	Ansh	Jarmarwala	40	A	K-133
Coppell Middle West	Coppell YMCA	Enaika	Kishnani	41	A	K-133
Coppell Middle West	Coppell YMCA	Arjun	Krishnan	40	A	K-133
Coppell Middle West	Coppell YMCA	Krish	Nagrath	71	D	K-136
Coppell Middle West	Coppell YMCA	Anusha	Narway	41	A	K-133
Coppell Middle West	Coppell YMCA	Varun	Reddy	54	B	K-134
Coppell Middle West	Coppell YMCA	Anika	Sinha			
Coppell Middle West	Coppell YMCA	Samyutha	Talagadadeevi	50	B	K-134
Coppell Middle West	Coppell YMCA	Aayush	Verma	42	A	K-133
Daniel Intermediate	Oak Cliff YMCA	Jay	Busby	46	A	K-133
Daniel Intermediate	Oak Cliff YMCA	Courtney	Bynum	64	C	K-135
Daniel Intermediate	Oak Cliff YMCA	Mattylin	Chaput	64	C	K-135
Daniel Intermediate	Oak Cliff YMCA	Rivers	Clark	55	B	K-134
Daniel Intermediate	Oak Cliff YMCA	Laila	Cruz	78	D	K-136
Daniel Intermediate	Oak Cliff YMCA	Ayleen	De Leon	65	C	K-135
Daniel Intermediate	Oak Cliff YMCA	Donovan	Dejean	46	A	K-133
Daniel Intermediate	Oak Cliff YMCA	Wynter	Gilder	66	C	K-135
Daniel Intermediate	Oak Cliff YMCA	Aminta	Jack	64	C	K-135
Daniel Intermediate	Oak Cliff YMCA	Madison	Mbugua	66	C	K-135
Daniel Intermediate	Oak Cliff YMCA	Joseph	Nalley	76	D	K-136
Daniel Intermediate	Oak Cliff YMCA	Micah	Ortega	55	B	K-134
Daniel Intermediate	Oak Cliff YMCA	Katelynn	Price	66	C	K-135
Daniel Intermediate	Oak Cliff YMCA	Aleth	Ulloa	78	D	K-136
Daniel Intermediate	Oak Cliff YMCA	Ariana	Valdez	65	C	K-135
Daniel Intermediate	Oak Cliff YMCA	Yulissa	Velasquez	78	D	K-136
Daniel Intermediate	Oak Cliff YMCA	Trinity	Williams	65	C	K-135
Dowell Middle School	McKinney YMCA	Tony	Balfay	44	A	K-133
Dowell Middle School	McKinney YMCA	Brooke	Biggerstaff	1	D	K-136
Dowell Middle School	McKinney YMCA	Jonathan	Brown	43	A	K-133
Dowell Middle School	McKinney YMCA	Allyson	Burgess	60	C	K-135
Dowell Middle School	McKinney YMCA	Ripley	Cantrell	1	D	K-136
Dowell Middle School	McKinney YMCA	Isaac	Cisnero	72	D	K-136
Dowell Middle School	McKinney YMCA	Christain	Ferry	2	B	K-134
Dowell Middle School	McKinney YMCA	Janie	Gantt	60	C	K-135
Dowell Middle School	McKinney YMCA	Ethan	Howe	43	A	K-133
Dowell Middle School	McKinney YMCA	Ryan	Johnson	2	B	K-134
Dowell Middle School	McKinney YMCA	Cassidy	Lewis	47	A	K-133
Dowell Middle School	McKinney YMCA	Phoenix	Morris	72	D	K-136
Dowell Middle School	McKinney YMCA	David	Moss	47	A	K-133
Dowell Middle School	McKinney YMCA	Peyton	Schindler	72	D	K-136

Dowell Middle School	McKinney YMCA	Ethan	Steinkamp	44	A	K-133
Dowell Middle School	McKinney YMCA	Catelyn	Washerlesky	51	B	K-134
Dowell Middle School	McKinney YMCA	Trenton	Wright	44	A	K-133
Dowell Middle School	McKinney YMCA	Katharine Burgess		51	B	K-134
Episcopal School of Dallas	Town North YMCA	Miles	Bates	29	C	K-135
Episcopal School of Dallas	Town North YMCA	Crenden	Boys	56	B	K-134
Episcopal School of Dallas	Town North YMCA	Wyatt	Freeman	29	C	K-135
Episcopal School of Dallas	Town North YMCA	Brayden	Girata	77	D	K-136
Episcopal School of Dallas	Town North YMCA	Ben	Guerrierro	73	D	K-136
Episcopal School of Dallas	Town North YMCA	Ayden	Kumar	67	C	K-135
Episcopal School of Dallas	Town North YMCA	Cara	Lichty	61	C	K-135
Episcopal School of Dallas	Town North YMCA	Samuel	Posten	67	C	K-135
Episcopal School of Dallas	Town North YMCA	Camila	Rivera	56	B	K-134
Episcopal School of Dallas	Town North YMCA	John	Schindel	67	C	K-135
Episcopal School of Dallas	Town North YMCA	Wheeler	Wood	77	D	K-136
Episcopal School of Dallas	Town North YMCA	Miles	Woolridge	73	D	K-136
Fellowship Christian Academy	Oak Cliff YMCA	Da'Marion	Gipson	80	D	K-136
Fellowship Christian Academy	Oak Cliff YMCA	Jordan	Mann	17	B	K-134
Fellowship Christian Academy	Oak Cliff YMCA	Quincy	Rheams	16	C	K-135
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Sarah	Basepogu	5	D	K-136
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Kailie	Beauvoir-Reategui	7	C	K-135
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Myah	Beauvoir-Reategui	5	D	K-136
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Drew	Breham	4	C	K-135
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Ainsley	Burkes	6	B	K-134
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Karina	Hirai	7	C	K-135
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Niya	Ibssa	45	A	K-133
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Elizabeth	Kamau	45	A	K-133
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Sahib	Kaur	8	B	K-134
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Nitika	Kuve	3	D	K-136
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Heidi	Leininger	7	C	K-135
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Natalie	Martin	4	C	K-135
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Vyoma	Patel	5	D	K-136
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Nandini	Potturi	45	A	K-133
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Matthew	Wooten	4	C	K-135
Jubilee Park	White Rock YMCA	Ricardo	Aguilera	28	B	K-134
Jubilee Park	White Rock YMCA	Robert	Aguirre	28	B	K-134
Jubilee Park	White Rock YMCA	Francisco	Bolanos	28	B	K-134
Jubilee Park	White Rock YMCA	Samantha	Flores	74	D	K-136
Jubilee Park	White Rock YMCA	Leo	Ortega	74	D	K-136
Jubilee Park	White Rock YMCA	Ruby	Rivera	74	D	K-136
Kennemer Middle School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Marenda	Ahuyon	18	A	K-133
Kennemer Middle School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Laila	Alexander	52	B	K-134
Kennemer Middle School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Naomi	Alexander	52	B	K-134
Kennemer Middle School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Kiersten	Brown	63	C	K-135
Kennemer Middle School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Raphael	Caballes	19	C	K-135
Kennemer Middle School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Manuel	Cantu	20	D	K-136
Kennemer Middle School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Bryan	Chavez	53	B	K-134
Kennemer Middle School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Diego	Chavez	53	B	K-134
Kennemer Middle School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Caleb	Christy	22	A	K-133
Kennemer Middle School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Dalon	Dixon	21	D	K-136
Kennemer Middle School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Richard	Dominguez	19	C	K-135
Kennemer Middle School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Genesis	Garcia	62	C	K-135
Kennemer Middle School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Laura	Garza	48	A	K-133
Kennemer Middle School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Donovan	Glaspie	20	D	K-136
Kennemer Middle School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Emmanuel	Gonzalez	20	D	K-136
Kennemer Middle School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Preston	Lee	63	C	K-135
Kennemer Middle School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Josilyn	Mendoza	18	A	K-133
Kennemer Middle School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Javier	Penaloza	19	C	K-135
Kennemer Middle School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Kei'Trone	Simpson	22	A	K-133
Kennemer Middle School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Jewel	Soria	48	A	K-133
Kennemer Middle School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Cajae	Washington	21	D	K-136
Kennemer Middle School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Crystal	Zamora	62	C	K-135
New Century Montessori Academy	White Rock YMCA	Sadia	Abdullah	14	A	K-133
New Century Montessori Academy	White Rock YMCA	Jenna	Jibrin	14	A	K-133
New Century Montessori Academy	White Rock YMCA	Mahek	Sayed	14	A	K-133
New Century Montessori Academy	White Rock YMCA	Matthew	Urquart	15	A	K-133

Palestine Junior High School	Palestine YMCA	Cheyenne	Kennedy	25	A	K-133
Palestine Junior High School	Palestine YMCA	Alexis	Miers	25	A	K-133
Palestine Junior High School	Palestine YMCA	Braulio	Sandoval	24	D	K-136
Reagan Team A	Grand Prairie YMCA			49	A	K-133
Reagan Team B	Grand Prairie			58	B	K-134
Reagan Team C	Grand Prairie			69	C	K-135
Reagan Team D	Grand Prairie			79	D	K-136
Reagan Team E	Grand Prairie			79	D	K-136
Reed Middle School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Jaden	Johnson	27	C	K-135
Reed Middle School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Brice	Jones	57	B	K-134
Reed Middle School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Jordan	McGilbra	57	B	K-134
Reed Middle School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Angel	Ramos	68	C	K-135
Reed Middle School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Samaya	Sorey	57	B	K-134
Richardson Homeschool Delegation	Richardson YMCA	Riley	Irvine	75	D	K-136
Richardson Homeschool Delegation	Richardson YMCA	Gabrielle	Rodriguez	27	C	K-135
Richardson Homeschool Delegation	Richardson YMCA	Miranda	Romero	27	C	K-135

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Austin Academy for Excellence	White Rock YMCA	Emilee	Altimore				70
Austin Academy for Excellence	White Rock YMCA	Akshaya	Chandrasekhar	Hannah Fishpaw	19	Health	30
Austin Academy for Excellence	White Rock YMCA	Margaret	Diaz	Sarah Hernandez	9	Civil Liberties	12
Austin Academy for Excellence	White Rock YMCA	Lindsey	Khuu	Khanh Hoang	31	National and Foreign Affairs	9
Austin Academy for Excellence	White Rock YMCA	Shalini	Kurian	Eva Vincent	14	Technology	10
Austin Academy for Excellence	White Rock YMCA	Sheena	Vaghela	Alena Abraham	32	National and Foreign Affairs	11
Austin Academy for Excellence	White Rock YMCA	Simira	Zepeda	Mia Reyes	3	Education	13
Christian Heritage Academy	Palestine YMCA	Hayden	Jorgensen		13	Technology	23
Coppell Middle West	Coppell YMCA	Aman	Asthana	Akshat Ghuge	4	Education	31
Coppell Middle West	Coppell YMCA	Sumith	Chittimalla	Varun Reddy			54
Coppell Middle West	Coppell YMCA	Zacharia	Cody				
Coppell Middle West	Coppell YMCA	Julian	Fitzgerald				
Coppell Middle West	Coppell YMCA	Rithvik	Gabri	Krish Nagrath	18	Health	71
Coppell Middle West	Coppell YMCA	Ansh	Jamarwala	Arjun Krishnan	21	Health	40
Coppell Middle West	Coppell YMCA	Anusha	Narway	Enaika Kishnani	12	Civil Liberties	41
Coppell Middle West	Coppell YMCA	Anika	Sinha				
Coppell Middle West	Coppell YMCA	Samyutha	Talagadadevi	Sanjana Amanana	27	Economy	50
Coppell Middle West	Coppell YMCA	Aayush	Verna	Pratham Agarwal	17	Technology	42
Daniel Intermediate	Oak Cliff YMCA	Courtney	Bynum	Aminata Jack			64
Daniel Intermediate	Oak Cliff YMCA	Ayleen	De Leon	Ariana Valdez		Mattylin Chapout Trinity Williams	65
Daniel Intermediate	Oak Cliff YMCA	Donovan	Dejean	Jay Busby			46
Daniel Intermediate	Oak Cliff YMCA	Wynter	Gilder	Madison Mbugua		Katelynn Price	66
Daniel Intermediate	Oak Cliff YMCA	Joseph	Nalley				76
Daniel Intermediate	Oak Cliff YMCA	Micah	Ortega	Rivers Clark			55
Daniel Intermediate	Oak Cliff YMCA	Aleth	Ulloa	Yulissa Velasquez		Lalia Cruz	78
Dowell Middle School	McKinney YMCA	Ripley	Cantrell	Brooke Biggerstaff	17	Technology	1
Dowell Middle School	McKinney YMCA	Christain	Ferry	Ryan Johnson	14	Technology	2
Dowell Middle School	McKinney YMCA	Janie	Gantt	Allyson Burgess	6	Education	60
Dowell Middle School	McKinney YMCA	Ethan	Howe	Jonathan Brown	13	Technology	43
Dowell Middle School	McKinney YMCA	Cassidy	Lewis	David Moss			47
Dowell Middle School	McKinney YMCA	Peyton	Schindler	Isaac Cisnero	13	Technology	72
Dowell Middle School	McKinney YMCA	Ethan	Steinkamp	Trenton Wright	34	National and Foreign Affairs	44
Dowell Middle School	McKinney YMCA	Catelyn	Washerlesky	Katharine Burgess	4	Education	51
Episcopal School of Dallas	Town North YMCA	Crenden	Boys	Camila Rivera			56
Episcopal School of Dallas	Town North YMCA	Wyatt	Freeman	Miles Bates	14	Technology	29
Episcopal School of Dallas	Town North YMCA	Brayden	Girata	Wheeler Wood			77
Episcopal School of Dallas	Town North YMCA	Ben	Guerrero	Miles Woolridge	26	Economy	73
Episcopal School of Dallas	Town North YMCA	Ayden	Kumar	Samuel Posten		John Schindel	67
Episcopal School of Dallas	Town North YMCA	Cara	Lichty		1	Health	61
Fellowship Christian Academy	Oak Cliff YMCA	Da'Marion	Gipson				80
Fellowship Christian Academy	Oak Cliff YMCA	Jordan	Mann		19	Health	17
Fellowship Christian Academy	Oak Cliff YMCA	Quincy	Rheams		3	Education	16
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Ainsley	Burkes		4	Education	6
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Karina	Hiral	Heidi Leininger	2	Education	7
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Elizabeth	Kanau	Nandini Potturi	6	Education	45
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Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Nitika	Kuve				31	National and Foreign Affairs	3
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Jubilee Park	White Rock YMCA	Ricardo	Aguilera		Francisco Bolanos	Robert Aguirre	12	Civil Liberties	28
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Kennermer Middle School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Lalla	Alexander		Naomi Alexander		18	Health	52
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Kennermer Middle School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Bryan	Chavez		Diego Chavez		3	Education	53
Kennermer Middle School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Caleb	Christy		Kei'Trone Simpson		4	Education	22
Kennermer Middle School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Genesis	Garcia		Crystal Zamora		26	Economy	62
Kennermer Middle School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Emmanuel	Gonzalez		Manuel Cantu	Donovan Glaspie	12	Civil Liberties	20
Kennermer Middle School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Preston	Lee		Kiersten Brown		6	Education	63
Kennermer Middle School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Jewel	Soria		Laura Garza				48
Kennermer Middle School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Cajae	Washington		Dalon Dixon		9	Civil Liberties	21
New Century Montessori Academy	White Rock YMCA	Sadia	Abdullah		Jenna Jibrin	Mahek Sayed	6	Education	14
New Century Montessori Academy	White Rock YMCA	Matthew	Urquart				14	Technology	15
Palestine Junior High School	Palestine YMCA	Cheyenne	Kennedy		Alexis Miers		6	Education	25
Palestine Junior High School	Palestine YMCA	Braulio	Sandoval				3	Education	24
Reagan Team A	Grand Prairie								49
Reagan Team B	Grand Prairie								58
Reagan Team C	Grand Prairie								69
Reagan Team D	Grand Prairie								79
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Reed Middle School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Brice	Jones		Samaya Sorey	Jordan McGilbra			57
Reed Middle School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Angel	Ramos		Jaden Johnson				68
Richardson Homeschool Delegation	Richardson YMCA	Riley	Irvine				14	Technology	75
		Miranda	Romero		Gabrielle			Rodriguez	27

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STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

1. **Title or Purpose:**

2. Promoting mental wellness in schools

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4. **Major Area to be Affected:**

5. Junior high and high school students

6. Large populated campuses

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8. **Justification:**

9. Mental illnesses in students has become an urging topic to the Texas panel. 1 in 5
10. children ages 13-18 have or will have a serious mental illness. 20% of youth ages 13-18
11. live with a mental health condition. 11% of youth have a mood disorder. 10% of youth
12. have a behavior or conduct disorder. 8% of youth have an anxiety disorder.
13. Approximately 50% of students ages 14 and older with a mental illness dropout of high
14. school. 90% of those who died by suicide had an underlying mental illness. Mental
15. illnesses such as these take control of students' lives and drive them to lower their
16. scores and dropout of high school, sometimes even leading to death.

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18. **Proposal for Action:**

19. a) All junior and high school students will be required to have a assembly once
20. every semester regarding mental illness. They will bring in a motivational
21. speaker, a teacher, or a experienced adult to speak on the subject and execute
22. every angle of mental issues so that every student can be informed and be able
23. to help each other out.

24. b) For every 200 students, one psychologist will be required to be hired by the
25. school; the ratio of students per school psychologist is 200 to 1 for all Texas
26. junior high and high schools. The district board will be the one who oversees
27. hiring the psychologists for each campus.

28. c) Most schools in the State of Texas, already have active extracurricular activities,
29. or clubs, that engage with the student body more than teachers interact with
30. students. Since student-to-student interaction is quite effective to get the word
31. out within the school, all junior and high schools shall be mandated to dedicate a
32. week per month for mental awareness. The school will manage how it'll be
33. organized, which club will be assigned to what mental disorder that needs to be
34. brought into attention.

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36. **Results to be Expected:**

37. The number of students with mental illnesses will drop down as well as the dropout
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STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

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Title or Purpose:

Texas must adopt a proposal that protects LGBTQ minors through the prohibition of the practice of conversion therapy.

Major Area to be Affected:

Pseudo-medical Institutions, Conversion Camps, Texan LGBTQ youth

Justification:

As the 2018 Yogyakarta Convention phrased LGBTQ rights as human rights, it continues to said, that an state, government, or society must protect all their citizens from discrimination, oppression, and dehumanization. The so called pseudo-practice of "conversion therapy" not only promotes the continued dehumanization of LGBTQ minors but punishes freedom of expression through state sanctioned apathy. Following condemnation of the practice by modern medical institutions as being a "destructive, dangerous, and utterly disgusting" aberration of science for aims inherently based in fictional notions that orientation can change, 12 states have banned the practice. Conversion therapy, also known as reparative therapy, is directly correlated with higher rates of suicide, depression, poverty, and self-harm. Banning Conversion therapy, especially in relationship to LGBTQ youth, is imperative for the preservation of a just and equitable society. The need to end such an inhuman practice can be voiced in the common regard to protect and defend the liberty of all human beings. By protecting LGBTQ individuals from employment discrimination the State of Texas can accurately protect their citizens and work towards resolving deep-rooted issues concerning the LGBTQ community.

Proposal for Action:

An immediate state mandated closure of all facilities known to be practicing conversion therapy openly.

- I. All minors who have been placed in any institution found to be practicing conversion therapy, must be returned to their families or upon request of Texan Department of Justice following an investigation, into State protection if said minor is found to be at risk of further abuse.
- II. In terms of registering and closing institutions, a separate committee will be created within the Texas Department Juvenile Justice to investigate claimed cases of conversion therapy, to close such institutions, and either
 - a. Delegate the cases of minors to be judged to determine the status of their domestic situation
 - b. Yield protection back to legal guardians

Results to be Expected:

Statistically, Texas's civil rights reputation will improve with Texas joining 12 states that protect LGBTQ youth from conversion therapy. Texas will and can prevent the needless deaths, harms, and trauma forced upon LGBTQ youth; therefore Texas fosters a friendlier environment for continued cooperation. Texas will ensure that individuals beyond the LGBTQ community are protected from discrimination – allowing Texan youth to become contributive members of society. By enacting such a proposal the state of Texas moves into the folds of becoming a constitutionally compliant state that ensures human rights for all.

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STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

1. **Title or Purpose:**

2. The advocacy for the near complete privatization of healthcare in the United States

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4. **Major Area to be Affected:**

5. All citizens of Texas

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7. **Justification:**

8. The healthcare system in Texas is broken. Texas is most uninsured state in the US

9. regarding healthcare, and the drug prices just keep climbing. The state of our

10. healthcare system is a mess, and it is time to create a system that benefits everyone

11. and progresses our nation both economically and bodily. The way to do that is through

12. the expansion of Capitalism, which leads me to my Proposal for Action.

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16. **Proposal for Action:**

17. Cease an astounding majority of government involvement in healthcare and privatize

18. the market for all secondary and tertiary means of healthcare. The basis of this

19. proposal is made up of two components: The government-organized base level of

20. healthcare to accommodate for those who cannot afford privatized healthcare or simply

21. do not want to pay for privatized healthcare; and the privately-owned sector, which will

22. make up the vast, clear majority of secondary and tertiary (and possibly base) levels of

23. healthcare. With less government involvement in the healthcare industry, and

24. promising, innovative new healthcare legislations, this will allow for start-up

25. companies, large industries, and small businesses alike all to create a system that

26. benefits the consumer and the employer. On the note of prescription distribution, we

27. let capitalism flourish and allow for competition to ultimately drive prices down.

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31. **Results to be Expected:**

32. With the passing of this proposal, Texas will see a large economic boost, citing the

33. trickle-down effect and small businesses contributions, and an increase in almost all

34. areas of healthcare consumer satisfaction. This will also lead to a more competitive and

35. innovative market, drive down the cost of pharmaceuticals, and ultimately create a

36. more stimulated market within Texas that not only benefits the companies and its

37. employees, but also the consumers, who now have a source of privatized, reliable

38. healthcare and a flourishing market with many options to choose from. Furthermore,

39. now that all Texans will be able to be insured under various healthcare programs, this

40. will allow for an abundance of saved lives and happier, healthier people of Texas.

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1. **Title or Purpose:**

2. It would be beneficial for the U.S. to have a space force

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4. **Major Area to be Affected:**

5. Space and scientific development

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7. **Justification:**

8. The United States should have a space force because of the amount of dependency we
9. have developed on space. The U.S. has 280 commercial and government owned
10. satellites in space. These satellites include everything from GPS to communications
11. satellites if any one of these satellites were to be taken out or destroyed it would ensue
12. large scale impacts that will be felt by everyone. A nation must be able to protect its
13. assets and with the advancement of technology a new frontier has opened up and the
14. U.S. must lead the race in dominating space. The risk comes from China who has
15. started a military branch dedicated to space dominance. China also tested an anti-
16. satellite missile and was successful destroying one of their own. Russia has also started
17. to create its own military force dedicated for space. These assertions for military
18. dominance by our rivals must be taken seriously and should be met with pushback. We
19. must also be a nation that is prepared for future even if they pose a small threat. The
20. chance of a asteroid colliding with planet earth is approximately 1 in 10,000 but over
21. millions of years the major impacts become more likely. We as a nation must be
22. prepared to take on this new space race and the threats that arise from it.

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24. **Proposal for Action:**

25. The United States should create a 6th branch of the military called the "space force" and
26. put all space defense programs under this new branch including the United States Space
27. Command which is under the air force. There must also be adequate funding for this
28. newly created branch and it should be able to compete financially with other country's
29. space military.

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31. **Results to be Expected:**

32. Results to be expected would be the creation of a 6th branch of military that is able to
33. defend our interest from and in space. We can expect for there to be an increase in U.S.
34. presence in space and defense capability's in space. The biggest result and gain to be
35. expected from this new military force would be new and abundant technological
36. development. Most advancements of technology have come from the military due to us
37. seeking bigger and better technology's to be able to defend our interests. This new
38. military space force will not only produce new technology's for space exploration and
39. defense but also new technology's that would benefit everyday Americans. Another
40. thing that would cause technological development would be the competition between
41. nations that arise from this new space race. Competition causes incentives for us to
42. develop more than our rival. This theory of competition has been true through our
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YMCA: Moody Family YMCA **City:** Highland Park

STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

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1. **Title or Purpose:**

2. To Create The United States Space Force

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4. **Major Area to be Affected:**

5. All Citizens of Texas

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7. **Justification:**

8. With such fierce competition between the United States and up and coming nations, it is
9. imperative that the United States secure a foothold in the process of ensuring peace in
10. space. If the United States fails to establish its self militarily in space, then Russia and
11. China will. Both nations have demonstrated their disregard for the sovereignty of other
12. nations, and for these powers to be able to roam space unchecked would be disastrous
13. to security and peace. Having an American presence in space would prevent Russia and
14. China from compromising such peace and security.

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16. **Proposal for Action:**

17. My plan is to consolidate the space ventures of 104 government agencies into one
18. branch of the military. Consolidating this work would increase efficiency and would
19. enable the United States to more quickly response to threats in space. In addition to this
20. consolidation, I propose the reallocation of federal funds to this new branch. As the
21. airforce, NASA, and the dozens of other agencies who formerly participated in the
22. development of space hardware, no longer produce this hardware, it would be logical to
23. reallocate budget from these agencies to the Space Force.

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25. **Results to be Expected:**

26. Texans can expect thousands of new jobs from both the government and defense
27. contractors. We can also expect increased security for the coming decades and
28. centuries. In addition, since my plan calls for no specific increase in federal spending,
29. taxes will not increase on a federal level.

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STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL



1. **Title or Purpose:**

2. The need for a US space force

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4. **Major Area to be Affected:**

5. The State of Texas, Johnson Space Center

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7. **Justification:**

8. We are rapidly advancing our technology to be able to have ordinary people go into
9. space. It is time we create a force to protect ourselves as we dive deeper into space.
10. In 2009, the Apollo 13 mission from NASA had a problem that was life threatening to
11. the whole crew. Miraculously, the crew survived after almost four days in space in a
12. last resort compartment made for only 45 hours. With a Space Force we will be able
13. to effectively rescue crews that have problems. In addition, space junk is becoming a
14. relatively large problem. According to NASA there are over 500,000 pieces of debris
15. that travel at speeds of 17,500 mph. At 17,500 mph even miniscule things can cause
16. damage to satellites and other modes of space transportation. Most damage is
17. caused by paint flecks and windows of space shuttles have had to be replaced from
18. these specks of paint. Also, there are more than 20,000 pieces of debris larger than
19. softballs. If a tiny speck of paint can to enough damage to make NASA replace a
20. window, a softball could make holes in the spacecraft. The Space Force would clean
21. up the atmosphere to reduce the amount of debris which effectively reduces the risks
22. of traveling into space and having damages done to satellites.

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24. **Proposal for Action:**

25. We propose to create a sixth branch of the military for the US. This branch would be
26. called the Space Force and oversee al things happening in space. The Space Force
27. will absorb NASA and The United States Space Command, which falls under the Air
28. Force at the moment. Johnson Space Center will become the Headquarters of The
29. Space Force until we launch a large enough Satellite that is able to provide the space
30. for all employees. We will also launch a fleet of spacecraft that is able to quickly and
31. efficiently travel through space.

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33. **Results to be Expected:**

34. We expect that the Space Force will protect this country and the rest of the world.
35. We also expect that the exploration of space will drastically change for the better.
36. The Space Force will take over NASA's headquarters in Houston, Texas. The USSC
37. will not be a part of the Air Force anymore and will instead be part of the Space
38. Force.

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STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

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Title or Purpose:

Human Trafficking in Texas

Major Area to be Affected:

Texas

Justification:

According to Polaris, Human Trafficking is a "form of slavery". No person should ever be involved in such a horrible crime. Human Trafficking "has generated billions of dollars in profit, trapping millions of people around the world" (Polaris). It is the third largest crime worldwide, with 58% of victims being female and 42% are males. As reported by The University of Texas at Austin, just in Texas, there are over 300,000 victims of Human Trafficking. Approximately 75,000 of those victims are minors and youth. In 2016, Ken Paxton (the Attorney General of Texas) formed the HTOC, a task force created to fight against Human Trafficking in Texas. Despite his actions, on the weekend of September 12, 2018, a chain of Human Trafficking in DFW had been broken up by local authorities. Over 40 young women and children were held captive in one house and were forced to commit gruesome actions. This shows that Human Trafficking is a widespread problem that affects our vicinity and isn't just a problem that we hear is occurring on the news.

Proposal for Action:

We would like to station an assembly of guards at the border between Texas and Mexico. As vehicles are attempting to pass through the border, it will be the guard's duty to fully inspect the vehicle and the passengers inside for signs of Human Trafficking. Signs of human trafficking are similar to that of abuse, including bruises, broken bones, anxiety, lack of eye contact, and malnourishment. The authority will also ask the passengers questions ranging in complexity such as "what is the date?" and "do you know where you are?". This is because victims of human trafficking aren't aware of their location, or even what day it is. In addition, to ensure that Human Traffickers are unable to flee the state, Texas Highway Patrol will also be responsible to investigate vehicles for Human Trafficking on any highway that leads out of Texas. Because it is unconstitutional, Highway Patrol will not stop cars solely to determine whether someone is being trafficked, but will be stopping cars for driving offenses such as speeding or driving under the influence. If a vehicle is pulled over, the Highway Patrol officer will distribute a ticket for said driving offense and look for signs of Human Trafficking. Assuming that someone is indeed being victimized, appropriate action will be taken depending on their age. If they are under the age of 17 and their family is unreachable, the CPS (Child Protective Services) will be contacted and will take action. In the case that they are a legal adult, they will be provided care until they are able to get back onto their feet.

Results to be Expected:

By stationing authority at Texas borders, we hope to decrease the rates of human trafficking. We also expect to spread awareness about such a widespread problem.

<https://polarisproject.org/human-trafficking/recognize-signs>

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STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

1. **Title or Purpose:**

2. To abolish Affirmative action in Texas

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4. **Major Area to be Affected:**

5. All places of business that are required to follow by the Affirmative action law, as well as Schools.

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7. **Justification:**

8. The Affirmative action law gives minority students get an advantage of
9. being admitted to college. " A 2009 analysis by Thomas Espenshade and
10. Alexandria Walton Radford, for example, finds that at high selective private
11. institutions, the boost provided to African American applicants is worth 310
12. SAT points (on a 1600 scale)." (tcf.org) This gives minority students an
13. unfair advantage based solely on their race and not on their test scores or
14. GPA. In another study they found out that being an underrepresented
15. minority increases their chance of being accepted by "27.7 percentage
16. points; that is an applicant with a 40 percent chance of admission has a 68
17. percent chance if she is black, Latino, or Native American." (tcf.org)
18. Students admitted to colleges also struggle more, according to a study by
19. the University of California at San Diego "57% of affirmative action
20. students graduate compared to 73% of their non-affirmative action peers."
21. To avoid expensive audits from the EEOC (Equal Employment Opportunity
22. Commission), business try to hire a workforce that suits their area, for
23. example a business will try to hire a 40% black people if the area the
24. business is located in has an average 40% black population. Google's
25. workforce was comprised of 80 percent male, 53 percent white, and 39
26. percent Asian, according to the company's 2017 diversity report. They were
27. sued by Arne Wilberg, a former technical recruiter in Google's YouTube unit
28. alleging that YouTube illegally used quotas as recently as last year in an
29. attempt to hire more black, Latino, and female engineers.

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31. We will abolish affirmative action with our goal which is to create a more
32. fair way for students/employees to be accepted based on their merit rather
33. than their race. This will create a system based on competency rather than
34. one based on race.

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36. **Results to be Expected:**

37. We hope to create a more fair college admission system. As well as a more
38. merit-based job hiring system. Where race doesn't define the likelihood of
39. students/employees being accepted rather one where the caliber of a
40. student/employee. The need to hire based on race should be long gone and
41. businesses should hire based on their education, degrees, and capabilities;
42. and not hire them for racial quotas.
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#12

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STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

1. Title or Purpose: To regulate the sales of arsenal weapons
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4. Major Area to be Affected: The United States
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7. Justification: If we regulated the sales of arsenal weapons...
8. There would be fewer shootings in the U.S.
9. Mentally Ill people easily wouldn't be able to get their hands on guns.
10. The Gun Control act of 1968 (GCA) which regulates firearms at the federal
11. level, requires that citizen and legal residents must be at least 18 years of age
12. to purchase a shotgun or a rifle and ammunition. All of the firearms can be sold
13. to you at the age of 21. At the beginning of this year and shooting happening at
14. a school, this event is known as the parkland shooting. Nikolas Cruz used a
15. rifle, which he bought illegally to kill 17 of his school mates.
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22. Proposal for Action: To make the process of getting guns harder and more
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38. Guns wouldn't be available to children under the age of 21
39. It would be harder for people to get access on guns
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STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

1. **Title or Purpose:**

2. Food deserts in Texas

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4. **Major Area to be Affected:**

5. Low income communities

6. Minorities

7. Grocers, suppliers, farmers

8. **Justification:**

9. Food deserts are very prevalent throughout Texas with twenty percent of all Texas
10. counties being considered food deserts. A food desert is an area void of fresh fruits,
11. vegetables, and other healthful whole foods usually found in impoverished areas due to
12. the lack of grocery stores, farmers markets, and healthy food providers. Food deserts
13. are mostly in low income communities, and Low-income zip codes have thirty percent
14. more convenience stores, which tend to lack healthy items, than middle-income zip
15. codes. Finding ways to bring in new supermarkets will greatly increase healthy eating
16. habits, so much so that research shows that for every additional supermarket in a
17. census tract, produce consumption increases for 32 percent of African Americans and 11
18. percent of whites.

19. **Proposal for Action:**

20. One way to help food deserts is to stop and minimize the growth of food swamps. By
21. establishing a ten to one ratio of fast food restaurants and convenient stores to grocery
22. stores, it will stop low income neighborhoods from being exposed to more unhealthy
23. eating habits. Retailers and farmers don't want to sell their produce in food deserts
24. because they fear a lack of profit. To incentivize farmers to sell their products to
25. retailers such as mobile food markets that cater to food deserts, they will be eligible for
26. higher government subsidies. Communities and cities that have set amounts of money
27. set aside towards programs for food deserts will also switch the focus from finding ways
28. to get supermarkets to build in low income food deserts to faster solutions such as
29. mobile food markets and CSAs.

30. **Results to be Expected:**

31. We expect that finding ways to bring healthy food options and minimizing the availability
32. of unhealthy food options will help more people eat a balanced diet. This will lower cases
33. of obesity and heart disease in the target low income food desert areas. Therefore, it
34. will allow future generations the chance to continue eating a healthy diet.

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STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

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1. **Title or Purpose:**

2. Human trafficking in Texas

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4. **Major Area to be Affected:**

5. Hotels in the state of Texas

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7. **Justification:**

8. The State of Texas accounts for over 25% of all human trafficking victims in the United
9. States. Polaris, an organization that advocates for the abolition of human trafficking,
10. recorded more than 1,400 cases of trafficking in hotels between December 2007 and
11. February 2015. During that time, more than 1,800 victims were identified in hotels,
12. meaning that in Texas alone, there were 350 identified cases, not even accounting for
13. unidentified cases.

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17. **Proposal for Action:**

18. A) To ensure safety for all residents of hotels within the state of Texas, all hotels
19. will require a legal form identification when one is entering and dismissing the
20. building.

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22. B)for all guests in the hotels they will place their name on a clipboard and sign in
23. and sign out.(To dismiss all lines of people there will be clipboards on each side to sign
24. in and out.)

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26. C) the ages of 6 and up will require to wear a wristband to know if the people are
27. suppose to be in the hotel or not. This can help to solve a stopping or a herd issue.

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35. **Results to be Expected:** the effect for the outcome of this proposal is to let the 1 out
36. of 3 runaways or the 4.5 million sex trafficking victims to be spotted and for the
37. percentage to decrease. As the 63% of sex trafficking happens in hotels, it can
38. decrease by insuring the safety and making it safe to the hotel residents. The reports
39. increase by the years it can decrease from finding these victims. Reports can come into
40. place with the unsolved issues.

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STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

Title or Purpose

Banning for-profit Prisons

Major Area(s) to be Affected

Texas Private Prison Companies, Texas Private Prisoners, State and Federal Prisons

Justification

For profit prisons, or private prisons, are places where individuals are physically confined or incarcerated by a third party that is contracted by a government agency. These prisons are not controlled by the government, so there is no one regulating what happens on the private property. Prisoners in these centers are in danger of abuse, malnutrition, and no health care. Moreover, some of the biggest for-profit prisons are making above three billion dollars in profit because of government payment and forced prison laborers. In other words, private prisons make profit off of prisoners, so they have an incentive to keep people in these prisons. This was proved in the "Kids for Cash" when Judge Mark A. Ciavarella was bribed by a prison company to send children to prison. Furthermore, private prisons don't devote as many age-specific enrichment and resources like medical staff or mental health care services to inmates as public prisons do. "The rate of violence is higher at private prisons, and recidivism is either worse or the same," says the managing editor of Prison Legal News and the associate director of the Human Rights Defense Center.

Proposal for Action

We propose to gradually eliminate for-profit prisons from the Texas prison system and ban the construction of new private prisons. The state government should uphold their ends of any contracts they have with prison companies; however, once current contracts are terminated, no more new contracts will be implemented. Prisoners in these profit prisons will be sent to government-owned prisons in their state. Therefore, once the existing contracts no longer apply the for-profit prisons that exist will no longer exist and afterwards there would only be government owned prisons.

We propose to ban the construction of new private prisons and stop government use of private prisons in Texas.

Results to be Expected

Banning for profit prisons would reduce incentive and incarceration in criminal justice and immigration systems. It would also would help stop shipping prisoners to out of state private prisons and keep them closer to their families, which is proven to improve the rehabilitation process, and eliminate immigrant prisons. Finally, banning private prisons would take inmates away from people who profit from their demise and into the hands of people whose main interest is in the prisoner, not the profit.

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STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

1. **Title or Purpose:**

2. Regulating the posting of 3D gun templates

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4. **Major Area to be Affected:**

5. The 254 counties in Texas and 3D gun template distributing companies

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7. **Justification:**

8. By printing 3D guns a myriad of issues arises surrounding the distribution of the
9. template but also printing the gun itself. By publishing and establishing a market for 3D
10. printers and the selling of templates, it puts many innocent people in harm's way.
11. Defense Distributed is the "only site of its kind authorized in its work by the US
12. government" as stated within their website. The gun blueprints are purchased through
13. the website and the files are mailed to you on a Defense Distributed branded USB drive
14. or SD card. Payments for these files are made through Payoneer or Bitcoin. Although
15. you could make the argument that 3D guns could be used for safety, the negatives far
16. outway the positives. The Trump administration see it best fit that companies have the
17. prerogative to publish blueprints because of their constitutional right, however under
18. Obama's oversight one of his major focuses during his presidency was to prohibit the
19. use and or the making of 3D guns. "Under President Obama in 2013, the State
20. Department accused Wilson and Defense Distributed of violating the International Traffic
21. in Arms Regulations (ITAR), which are meant to prevent the exporting of defense
22. technology." Defense Distributed has violated is within the International Traffic in Arms
23. Regulation (ITAR). This act prohibits the transfer of weapons technology abroad without
24. express permission. Hosting these files online allow people all around the world to
25. download the files, violating the actions of the ITAR. To many looking to commit a
26. violent crime, this option of printing 3D guns is a feasible and affordable option. 3D-
27. printed guns don't require the serial numbers that let law enforcement trace ownership
28. of a specific weapon. Such untraceable weapons are sometimes called "ghost
29. guns." These unlicensed guns, 3D-printed or not, can't legally be sold. Other very likely
30. issues that arise when it comes to the printing of 3D firearms, is not only as mentioned
31. before, that these guns are untraceable but that they have the ability to slip past metal
32. detectors and potentially harm people in extremely vulnerable situations. 3D guns are
33. ideal tools for people legally barred from purchasing guns, or for would-be terrorists,
34. people who are on the no-fly list, if you are an ex-felon, or are on felony probation
35. looking to sneak them into secured areas. Furthermore, Defense Distributed is one of
36. the major organizations that publishes and sells blueprints to the public. All the while,
37. even though Defense Distributed is authorized in its work by the US government, it does
38. indeed state that under the Undetectable Firearms Act of 1988 that is is illegal to
39. "manufacture, import, sell, ship, deliver, possess, transfer, or receive any firearm: (1)
40. which is not as detectable as the Security Exemplar (after the removal of grips, stocks,
41. and magazines) by walk-through metal detectors calibrated".

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43. **Proposal for Action:**

44. An example of our solution that could possibly be implemented into our proposal for
45. action the state of Pennsylvania won a temporary agreement from Defense Distributed
46. to prevent its citizens from downloading the files. Although the ruling was only
47. temporary, this could be a long-term solution that benefits the people, but also
48. organizations like the NRA. By limiting 3D guns it would immensely boost the sales of
49. traceable and safe firearms. Furthermore, around the nation judges have put temporary
50. restraining orders on Defense Distributed. Our proposal is to focus our efforts on putting
51. major restrictions on allowing organizations to publish blueprints. Although many believe
52. this is an infringement on everyone's constitutional right, in the U.S. we have been able

53. to bar child pornography, websites, and internet posts exhibiting hate speech. Content
54. restrictions tend to rely more on the removal of content than blocking; most often these
55. controls rely upon the involvement of private parties, backed by state encouragement or
56. the threat of legal action. All in all our proposal for action is to limit the downloading and
57. hopefully be able to abolish the printing of 3D firearms completely.

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59. **Results to be Expected:**

60. There are many positives to our proposal, however, our main objective is to protect the
61. civilians of Texas. With our proposal, we plan to save many lives and to decrease the
62. number of people afflicted by this new era of guns. By decreasing the probability of
63. illegally sustained firearms we hope to limit the number of 3D guns being printed and
64. distributed.

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STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

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1. **Title or Purpose:**

2. Promote the importance of Mental Wellness through public schools in Texas

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4. **Major Area to be Affected:**

5. The students currently enrolled in Texas public schools

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7. **Justification:**

8. In the state of Texas, nearly 5.5 million students are currently enrolled in public schools
8. across the state. Of those students, nearly 11% percent of students have said they have
9. experienced a major depressive episode in a period of 2 weeks, some having more than
10. 5 out of 9 symptoms in a study conducted by the US Department of Health & Human
11. Services and of that, 12 % of students have attempted suicide in their high schools
12. years. With these things being said, nothing is being done about it. The issue of mental
13. health is a nationwide issue but is a very large phenomenon in Texas. The students
14. enrolled in Texas schools right now hold the future of the state and their current mental
15. health can prohibit their ability to be a better fit for their future.

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18. **Proposal for Action:**

19. In order to ensure the safety of our school children then a plan to implement mandatory
20. mental wellness classes from the age of freshman all the way to senior year of high
21. school; from the start of high school all the way through the end of high school. These
22. classes will include a mandatory learning TEKS set up by the Texas board of education
23. including things such as how to act when approached with news of a mentally ill or not
24. stable person, experiencing a mental health problem personally, how to cope with
25. school, social, and family stress. The class will take place as an assembly in the high
26. schools' gym with each individual class (freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior) and
27. will occur to the benefit of the school or as any regular assembly would occur in specific
28. school. This assembly or class must take place every two years and will be taught by
29. the school counselors and will not require extra training due to already having the
30. qualifications although go over Mental Wellness TEKS to become familiar.

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33. **Results to be Expected:**

34. Once our proposal is put into action, we would like to see a lower rate in students whose
35. mental health is struggling and have been unable to be "treated" in such was to help
36. their mental health become better. We hope to be able to achieve this by successfully
37. implementing these courses into the public schools in texas, and by putting more
38. attention and emphasis on public schools where students struggle the most with
39. obtaining and maintaining a good mental health.

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STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

1. **Title or Purpose:**

2. Providing paid maternity/family leave

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4. **Major Area to be Affected:**

5. Mothers and Employers in Texas

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7. **Justification:**

8. Currently in the United States, mothers are out of the workforce for 12

9. weeks. During this time, they are not receiving a steady income for

10. necessities for themselves and their children. This can cause women and

11. families to fall into extreme debt. As stated by Healthline.com, "The

12. United States is the only high-income country to not offer paid maternity

13. leave on a federal level. Paid leave is guaranteed in 178 countries, the

14. United States not being one of them." Due to this phenomenon, only 12

15. percent of women have access to paid maternity leave because the law

16. does not require employers to provide women with paid maternity leave.

17. Society and the law needs to take responsibility for caring for our mother

18. in the workforce.

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20. **Proposal for Action:**

21. To keep up with the societies of other developing countries, this proposal

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- Employers must provide women with a 12 week paid
maternity leave, with women earning 75% of their normal
pay for the 12 weeks.

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27. **Results to be Expected:**

28. Mothers will be able to confidently leave work once they have a child

29. without worrying about debt, as they know they will receive an income for

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STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

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1. **Title or Purpose:**

2. A comprehensive, three-pronged approach to improving mental health for high school
3. students

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5. **Major Area to be Affected:**

6. Public high schools in Texas

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8. **Justification:**

9. As curriculum and course loads become increasingly difficult in schools, Texas, and the
10. United States at large have witnessed a stark and tragic decline in the overall wellness
11. and mental health of students. In fact, according to the Newport Academy, 3.1 million
12. students ages 12-17 had a "major depressive episode" during 2016. Copious amounts of
13. homework have caused students' stress levels to rise which deteriorates their overall
14. mental health and may perpetuate students to develop other mental illnesses and health
15. concerns. Our research has pointed to three solutions that can be easily implemented to
16. improve student's mental health: food consumption, mental breaks, identifying warning
17. signs.

18. • According to the *Nutritional Neuroscience* journal, foods with more fat content
19. have shown to increase anxiety and stress levels in adolescents. Although
20. consumption of unhealthy meals is increasing, only 19% of adolescents who
21. suffer from depression receive professional care.

22. • According to the *Implications of the Brain's Default Mode for Human*
23. *Development and Education*, breaks, an essential part of learning, benefit the
24. well-being of students and decrease stress levels.

25. • According to the American School Counselor Association, school counselors and
26. trained teachers can assist students with daily burnout, improving students'
27. mental health.'

28. Our primary goal in schooling systems should be to foster a learning environment where
29. students can flourish academically, and to do so, we must ensure that students are not
30. distracted or hindered by mental health issues.

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32. **Proposal for Action:**

33. This proposal establishes a three-pronged plan to combat this widespread mental
34. health epidemic that plagues Texas' public high schools.

35. 1. Establishing requirements for school lunches: All lunches provided by the high
36. school must meet certain guidelines to ensure nutritious lunches are served.

37. 1. Lunches must satisfy the current MyPlate nutrition guide of the
38. USDA

39. 2. Lunches must have one hot meal and one cold meal option

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41. 2. Instituting breaks: All high schools are obligated to have one 30-minute break in
42. addition to the scheduled lunch period.

43. 1. During this time, the school's counselor(s), trained in pediatric and
44. general psychiatry, will be available for counseling students.

45. 2. The number of counselors for this purpose will be based on the
46. school's total enrollment. There must be 1 counselor for every 500
47. students.

48. 1. Improving student-teacher relationship: All teachers must be trained to identify
signs of depression and anxiety.

1. Lessons by professionals during teacher in-service

2. Faculty meetings must be held every quarter to address individual
cases

3. Faculty, if not already, will be obligated to notify parents of a child
if they are noticing signs of a mental health concern

Results to be Expected:

High school students' stress levels will decrease as a result of more nutritious lunch meals, a mandatory break after lunch with available counseling, and trained teachers who are able to identify signs of depression.

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STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

1. **Title or Purpose: Paid maternity/paternity leave for all parents during and after**
2. **child birth in Texas**

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5. **Major Area to be Affected:**

6. All Texas companies that have more than 500 employees.

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8. **Justification:**

9. There is a federal requirement under the Family Medical Leave Act(FMLA) that allows

10. many women without access to paid maternity leave to take an unpaid time off from

11. work. There're job is protected for 12 weeks while they're out on maternity leave.

12. However, they're not paid, which puts an economic burden on the father or if they're

13. single, they're source of income is effected. There have been studies that show how

14. parents and companies benefit from paid maternity leave. One study out of the Center

15. for Women and Work found that women who took paid maternity leave were 93 percent

16. more likely to be working nine to twelve months after giving birth than those who didn't

17. take leave. Google has increased maternity leave from three to five months and from

18. partial to full pay. The turnover rate for female employees decreased by 50%.

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24. **Proposal for Action:**

25. This new law will improve the Family Medical Leave Act by including paid leave for

26. parents after child birth. 18 weeks of paid leave will be allotted to mothers and 6 weeks

27. of paid leave will be allotted to fathers. This act will come into affect a year after being

28. passed. This act will affect companies who have 500 or more employees, so that smaller

29. business will not have the burden of paying maternity leave for this extended period of

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38. **Results to be Expected:**

39. The turnover rate of companies in Texas, the stress of parents and companies during

40. maternity/paternity leave is decreased, and the unemployment rate of mothers after

41. child birth is decreased. The productivity of companies in Texas will not be negatively

42. effected by paid leave.

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YMCA: Oak Cliff

City: Duncanville

STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

1. **Title or Purpose:**

2. Legality of Genetically Engineered Babies

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4. **Major Area to be Affected:**

5. All Social Classes

6. Minorities

7. Medical Field

8. Healthcare System

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10. **Justification:**

11. As technology advances, so does the human race. Among the most recent advances is
12. the creation of CRISPR, a modern day genetic editing tool. This new tool has opened a
13. door for human gene editing but has also caused much controversy. For reasons
14. pertaining to cosmetic appearance and desired genetic traits that increase biologic
15. fitness, many upper class citizens abuse the privilege of the affordability of CRISPR gene
16. editing techniques. Along with this staggering fact, the enzyme used today known as
17. Cas9, is much more dangerous to use than the enzyme Cas12a. These facts about the
18. use of CRISPR has led to a polarizing argument about the use of this genetic editing
19. tool.

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22. **Proposal for Action:**

23. 1) Adding a Gene Editing Department to the Social Services Sector of the
24. Department of Health and Human Services in order to standardize the process of
25. genetically engineering fetuses.
26. 2) Adding a Genetic Editing Wing to all Hospitals around Texas to provide access to
27. this healthcare service. All hospital will use CAS12a of CRISPR.
28. 3) All citizens who want to begin this process will have to fill out a Genetic Editing
29. Application and will have to provide reasons as to why they would like to go
30. through this procedure. Applicants may be denied or accepted based on the
31. reasons they provide on the application. Applicants that qualify may also be
32. afforded a loan in order to afford genetic testing.

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35. **Results to be Expected:**

36. 1) Genetic Editing of small fetuses will become more standardized and help to
37. create a safer environment for this new healthcare advancement.
38. 2) Creating more opportunities for all people to have the chance to end generational
39. diseases within their families.
40. 3) Creating more jobs within the health care field and genetics subfield.

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School: Duncanville High School

City: Dallas

STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

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1. **Title or Purpose:**

2. Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

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4. **Major Area to be Affected:**

5. Minorities

6. Immigrants

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8. **Justification:**

9. DACA is Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. It's an American immigration policy that
10. allows some individuals who were brought to the United States illegally as children, to
11. receive a renewable two-year period of deferred action from deportation and become
12. eligible for a work permit in the U.S. DACA lacks full citizenship. One does not receive
13. benefits for being a citizen like scholarships and you can't vote, therefore this makes
14. DREAMers feel like they aren't part of our society. If DACA is removed or denied over
15. 800,000 lives will be at risk, meaning they will just be "illegal," and they will be set up
16. for deportation. 800,000 lives set up for failure.

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18. **Proposal for Action:**

19. 1. All people that hold DACA will be a part of a program that will run their
20. paperwork to become a U.S. citizen. The paperwork will go through the United
21. States Citizenship and Immigration Services and there will be requirements to
22. qualify, one of which is a history of no crimes.

23. 2. In case of denial of DACA, a system will be implemented for all holding DACA
24. residents to be protected for two years maximum, so they have enough time for
25. their citizenship or residency to be approved.

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27. **Results to be Expected:**

28. All immigrants and US citizens will be benefited in their own way, DACA holders will
29. receive their rights as human beings.

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STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

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1. **Title or Purpose:**

2. Placing individual fingerprint readers in arsenal weapon stores in Texas that will be
3. attached to any arsenal weapon once it is purchased.

4. **Major Area to be Affected:**

5. Citizens of Texas, specifically those who own arsenal weapons.
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7. **Justification:**

8. According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, an arsenal weapon is a weapon associated
9. with "an establishment for the manufacture or storage of arms and military equipment".
10. This definition simply refers to firearms that require ammunition. Despite the fact that
11. the state of Texas provides a stable system and adequate criteria in order for citizens to
12. obtain a gun license (see the Texas Department of Public Safety's Website for more
13. information), there are still people that obtain arsenal weapons without any regulation.
14. Unfortunately, these citizens are often perpetrators in major events where these
15. weapons are used in reckless and dangerous ways, harming the livelihoods of every
16. being involved. What has not been addressed by the state of Texas, and certainly should
17. be, is the need for an existing system that regulates the usage of individual weapons so
18. they are less likely to fall into the wrong hands. There is a substantial population that
19. properly and legally uses arsenal weapons, and they also can benefit from this proposal
20. for action.
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22. **Proposal for Action:**

23. My proposal states that in every store in Texas that sells arsenal weapons, there will be
24. fingerprint reader devices that have the ability to be attached to any of said arsenal
25. weapons. After purchase of a weapon, the customer will have his information checked
26. (for example his gun license) as normal, but they will now also record their fingerprint
27. on the reader that will then be attached to their weapon. In order to properly use the
28. weapon, the user will have to place his finger on the reader to "unlock" the mechanics of
29. the weapon, allowing it to function. This reader only records one finger, meaning that
30. only one person (the original buyer of the weapon) will be able to use the weapon.
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32. **Results to be Expected:**

33. This will decrease the amount of instance where firearms are dangerously used because
34. each weapon has a regulation to stop it from falling into the wrong hands.
35. Additionally, this will help make the Texas population safer and help them to live happier
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STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

#45

Title or Purpose:

Planned obsolescence and increased electronic waste in the U.S

Major Area(s) to be Affected:

Texas

Justification:

Planned obsolescence of e-waste is replacing electronics because of frequent changes in design and results in the termination of electronics with artificially limited lives. E-waste a term for is electronic waste used to describe electronics that are nearing the end of their useful life and are going to be discarded or thrown away (EPA). Yet, this e-waste can be refurbished, reused, and recycled. However, instead it is going landfills or being improperly disposed of in a hazardous waste dump. Although e-waste represents 2% of America's trash in landfills, it equals 70% of overall waste. Of that waste, in 2015, Texas generated and disposed of 43% of that e-waste totaling 13.4 million tons. According to Dosomething.org, for every one million cell phones that are recycled, 35,274 lbs of copper, 772 lbs of silver, 75 lbs of gold, and 33 lbs of palladium can be recovered. According to MeyerMetals, only 10% of cell phones are recycled in the United States, and most Americans get new cell phones every 12-18 months. There has already been a law implemented in 2007 called the Texas Computer Equipment Recycling Program. This state law created a system where municipalities, manufacturers, retailers, and consumers have to work together that computer parts stay out of the ground and become valuable commodities. There is a \$25,000 fine to any manufacturer that doesn't comply with this law. However, this law has proven to be ineffective as Texas is still one of the largest contributors in the U.S. for e-waste. Also, there is the as Television Equipment Recycling Program which now holds TV makers to the same standard. Through this programs, computer and television manufacturer are required to report the amount collected, recycled, and reused.

Proposal for Action:

With only 12.5% of America's e-waste being currently recycled, a solution is crucial for America's future. The net result of these trends has been a decline in the tonnage of recyclable electronics in Texas and nationwide as electronics recyclers reduce recycling activities and shift to a renewed focus on reuse and refurbishment. The SIMS Recycling Solutions program allows Texas consumer take back solutions. Expediting more research and opening up eight more SIMS Recycling Solutions across large Texas cities. These cities include Houston, Dallas, Austin, and San Antonio, with two in each city. They meet NIST 800-88 r1, HMG IA Standard No. 5 and DIN-66399 so the privacy of the users is encrypted. The process starts with a mechanical reduction to determine material value, then thermal oxidation to burn off impurities, milling and crushing materials, plating, and metal stripping to extract the precious metals, and lastly melting to produce the metal bullion.

Results to be Expected:

The results to be expected is that amount of e-waste going into landfills in Texas will decrease. Over 17,000 jobs will be created for primary technicians and the recycled materials will strongly impact the market. Recycling will also lead to potentially adding the materials back to the supply chain decreasing the need to mine precious metals.



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STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

1. **Title or Purpose:**

2. Voter ID laws in Texas

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4. **Major Area to be Affected:**

5. Voters in the State of Texas

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7. **Justification:**

8. People vote in two places swaying the vote in their favor making an unfair voting process
9. that does not represent what the people want, which is completely against what we believe
10. a country. This unfair voting is defined as Voter Fraud. People fraudulently voting is
11. prevalent in more than one ballot location, and this can potentially lead to a corrupt, or
12. unfavorable candidate being elected. Currently, only a basic ID is required to vote, and
13. people can use it to validate that they have met the requirements for the voting standards.
14. Currently, in order to vote you need to have one of the seven types of photo ID currently
15. accepted at the polls:

- 17. - A state driver's license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- 18. - A Texas election identification certificate (issued by DPS)
- 19. - A Texas personal identification card (issued by DPS)
- 20. - A Texas license to carry a handgun (issued by DPS)
- 21. - A Texas license to carry a handgun (issued by DPS)
- 22. - A U.S. military ID card that includes a personal photo
- 23. - A U.S. citizenship certificate that includes a personal photo
- 24. - A U.S. passport
- 25. - A U.S. passport

26. There needs to be a system implemented to avoid that everyone gets their voice heard. If w
27. don't do this there the views of many people could be disregarded due to one person voting
28. multiple times swaying the vote in their favor. This problem needs to be solved.

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30. **Proposal for Action:**

31. We propose that the State of Texas require 2 forms of ID for every voter and for polls to
32. submit voter data to the state to avoid further fraud. The polls will report ballots immediate
33. to the state, where the personal information on each ballot will be entered into a database
34. which will prohibit an individual from voting at another location.

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36. **Results to be Expected:**

37. We expect that people won't be able to vote in multiple places, thus effectively
38. solving the problem of voter fraud. The chance of fraud will be detrimentally decreased du
39. to the voter data being submitted to the state.

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STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

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1. **Title or Purpose:**

2. Eradicating Food Deserts in Texas

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4. **Major Area to be Affected:**

5. Texas population especially the impoverished and malnourished

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7. **Justification:**

8. Food deserts are areas in which it is difficult to buy affordable or good quality fresh
9. foods. This includes problems such as lack of access to food with proper nutrition due to
10. unavailability or high prices. The main citizens of food deserts are low income families
11. who are located many miles from the nearest grocery stores and do not have readily
12. available access to transportation over that distance. 58 of Texas' 258 counties are
13. considered food deserts by the FDA. This issue explains the issue of malnourished
14. children and families in Texas, but can also be linked to high obesity rates because of
15. unhealthy consumption. Often times, food deserts only have a surplus of cheap,
16. unhealthy options. Overall, food deserts are a major cause of malnutrition and obesity in
17. Texas, so finding a solution would greatly improve the health of Texas' many citizens.

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19. **Proposal for Action:**

20. Our proposal is to partner with convenience stores (CVS, Walgreens, gas stations, etc.)
21. to get them to sell fresh produce. The original amount of funding will be a \$100
22. endowment provided by the Texas Department of Agriculture to any store which
23. requests it. This funding will need to be used for in order to purchase produce and any
24. required equipment to display the produce. Over time it will be the stores choice on
25. whether to make a larger amount of produce available according to how well it sells, but
26. they should have at least 50 pounds of produce at any time they are in the program.
27. Additionally, the produce must be reasonably price, such that it is of a similar price per
28. pound (±25 cents) as the same produce at the nearest grocery store.

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30. **Results to be Expected:**

31. If our proposal were to be implemented, then the expected results will be that the
32. amount of people currently living in food deserts would be better nourished. As well,
33. "food deserts" would be less present in Texas as the current areas would now have
34. access to fresh produce. Finally, the obesity rate is also expected to decrease over time
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36. fats at nearby locations.

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STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

Title or Purpose

The Regulation of 3-D printed firearms

Major Area(s) to be Affected

Texas

Justification

As 3D printers become more available, criminals, juveniles, and mentally disabled can easily obtain illegal unmarked firearms. Currently, blueprints and models are being created and distributed that allow anyone to print out a firearm for 80-170 dollars and in 10-18 hours. The common plastic used in household 3D printer is also too weak to withstand the force of a bullet being fired, meaning that said firearms must be printed on what is known as an industrial printer. Because most companies who own industrial 3D printers restrict any printing of firearm parts, individuals are encouraged to use unsafe plastics for the guns. If a 3D printed gun is created properly, it can do the same damage to human tissue as a metal gun can, and if created improperly a 3D printed gun will explode in the user's hands. Current legislation on the issue only requires that 3D printed firearms contain a non removable piece of metal, but nothing further. This lack of regulation demands that legislation be introduced to regulate the printing and use of such firearms. Without proper legislation on loopholes within the gun market, anyone able to buy a 3D printer and download a program will have the capability to create and own firearms.

Proposal for Action

3D printed guns are a new and undeveloped technology. Due to the unreliability in the guns and difficulty in regulating 3D printed guns (homemade guns lack serial numbers), printing any parts listed for a firearm is illegal. Law involving firearms governs the registration of any weapon which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; the frame or receiver of any such weapon; any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; or any destructive device. Title 26, U.S.C., Sec. 5861(d), makes it a Federal crime or offense for anyone to possess certain kinds of firearms which are not registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record. Therefore, any creation or use of 3D printed firearms will fall under these regulations and is punishable by said regulations with up to 2 years in prison, a 1000 dollar fine, or both. The only exception to private organizations printing and using 3D printed firearms are ones given a government grant to test the guns.

Results to be Expected

With these regulations in place the concern for unregulated firearm printing and distribution will be lessened. This legislation also allows for leeway in the creation of these firearms in the areas of testing, allowing for potential safe ways for individuals to own and use 3D printed firearms in the future.

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YMCA: Palestine High School
City: Palestine

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STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

1. **Title or Purpose:**

2. CON – Legality of genetically engineered babies

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4. **Major Area to be Affected:**

5. Parents, Health Care System, Genetic Engineering Labs. Mankind

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7. **Justification:**

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9. Definition:

10. Genetic Engineering: The development and application of scientific methods,
11. procedures, and technologies that permit direct manipulation of genetic material in
12. order to alter the hereditary traits of a cell, organism, or population. For babies this can
13. mean selecting specific traits which can vary from lowered disease-risk to gender
14. selection to skin or eye color, etc.

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16. Genetic Engineering is not 100% reliable or safe, it is still in the experimental stages.
17. Embryos can be accidentally terminated. Any errors in design can cause deformities –
18. physically and mentally.

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20. It is not cheap and parents who choose to have these "designer" babies may
21. inadvertently cause a prejudice between "designer" and "non-designer" children and
22. cause "non-designer" children to miss out on opportunities because jobs would prefer
23. the "optimum" candidates assuming "designer" children are more intelligent, more
24. good-looking, etc.

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26. It also can be considered a sin in many religions and could cause potential uprisings in
27. certain regions of the world.

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29. It can also be considered unethical and immoral depending on your belief system.

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31. **Proposal for Action:**

32. Genetic Engineering for humans should be outlawed and we should no longer consider
33. further development of it for mankind.

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36. **Results to be Expected:**

37. No genetically engineered babies. Focus can be shifted to genetically engineered plants,
38. livestock, medication, etc. to help mankind to develop and survive in other ways.

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STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

Title or Purpose

Promoting Mental Wellness in Texas Public Schools

Major Area(s) to be Affected

All Texas Public High Schools

Justification

In Texas, suicide is the 11th leading cause of death. For the ages 15-34, it is the second leading cause of death, and for ages 10-14 it is the third leading cause of death. More than twice as many people die by suicide in Texas annually than by homicide. The total deaths of suicide reflect a total of 72,622 years of potential life lost before the age of 65. 6,474,144 Texans have a mental illness and would benefit from treatment. This number includes over 5 million adults and over 1.4 million children.

Proposal for Action

Teens in Texas, or in any state, normally do not normally feel comfortable going to a guidance counselor at school. By creating a mandatory school year long class discussing the issues of mental illness will bring down the suicide and depression rate. I propose that in all public high schools there be a mental health class discussing the symptoms, treatment, stigmas, identifying signs of depression, etc. This class will be two semesters long/one academic school year. It will be a required class that every student will need to graduate high school. The class will be taught by existing teachers, however they will be required to participate in an online mental health program before teaching the class. This online course will have information that the teachers will be teaching to the students throughout the year. Just like every other class, this class will have assignments and tests based on the information they have learned.

Results to be Expected

By providing a mental illness class, outlining the issues that many students struggle from, will lower the mental illness rate in all Texas schools. Having the resources to help yourself, and help other people you know that are struggling from a mental illness is greatly needed in the state of Texas.

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YMCA: Duncanville High school

YMCA: Oakcliff

City: Dallas

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STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

1. **Title or Purpose:**

2. 14. 3-D printed guns

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4. **Major Area to be Affected:**

5. The majority of people affected would be those who are of the age twenty one or older,
6. people or companies who own three dimensional printers, and consumers of guns.

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8. **Justification:**

9. According to www.thetrace.org, more than 23,000 firearms have been stolen between
10. the year 2010 and 2016. Almost all of them have been used for violent crimes. Many
11. people say we need stricter gun laws, however these statistics prove that if someone
12. wants access to a gun, they will find a way. One option for these people is an even
13. scarier one; 3D printed guns. Three dimensional printed firearms can slip past metal
14. detectors, and can be printed by any 3D printer. However, if we can find a way to track
15. them, it will create a safer option that can be properly monitored.

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17. **Proposal for Action:**

18. A serial number will be on the 3D printed gun, permit for it, and as well as the 3D
19. printer that made the gun therefore creating a way to trace the plastic guns to its
20. source. A barcode will connect the specific firearm to the gun permit.

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25. **Results to be Expected:**

26. Outcomes expected of this proposal would be monitoring of guns, and the rate of
27. firearm theft, as well as other means of illegally obtaining a gun, decreasing.

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YMCA: Oak Cliff

City: Dallas Tx.

STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

#13

1. **Title or Purpose:**

2. #30 Policies surrounding ICE and border patrol (zero tolerance policy)

3. **Major Area to be Affected:**

4. Undocumented immigrants with an expired immigrant visa

5. **Justification:**

6. This proposal is intended for over the 600,000 people who overstay their Visas and are taken out of a country they have lived in for years, -USAToday
7. There is a known 1 million undocumented immigrants in Texas as of 2017, however many are not represented in this number, because they are afraid of ICE's Power and Zero Tolerance Policy.
8. At this point there has been more than 2.3 thousand children separated from their family since May 6th of this year to June 9th more than 65 children every single day.-Vox
9. According to Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen, the number of people attempting to cross the southern border illegally has increased to more than 50,000 people per month. She said in June there has been a 325 percent increase in unaccompanied children coming to the border since the previous year, and a 435 percent increase in families entering the U.S. illegally.
10. The number of "illegal" crossing attempts at the U.S. Southwest border triple in March compared with a year ago, the government says.
11. In the eyes of their advocates, they are families and workers, taking the jobs nobody else wants, staying out of trouble, here only to earn their way to better, safer lives for themselves and their children. At the White House, they are pariahs, criminals who menace American neighborhoods, take American jobs, sap American resources and exploit American generosity: They are people who should be, and will be, expelled.

12. **Proposal for Action:**

13. Our plan to fix this major problem is if the person in question is a legal guardian of a child under the age of 18 and/or is a guardian of a special needs child that can't function without the guardian, they will not be prosecuted until either the child has turned 18 or if they have a special needs child
14. They will have 10 year grace period. During that period they will be under probation and to get rid of this they will need to renew their visas.
15. but if they have to come back to the US and their out of country and still have not renewed their visas they will still be allowed back in. However, this will only be affecting people with an Residential and Work Visa.
16. In addition to this we will also allow migrants to renew their Visas in the US Embassy in Dallas, This policy will affect all visas

17. **Results to be Expected:**

18. Amount of immigrant parents with a renewed visa in the state of Texas, increases and the rates of undocumented alone children will go down.

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STATE AFFAIRS PROPOSAL

#64

1. **Title or Purpose:**

2. Affirmative Action in Texas Universities

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4. **Major Area to be Affected:**

5. university students

6. colleges

7. presidents and provosts of colleges

8. job outlook of postsecondary teachers/college professors

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10. **Justification:**

11. The job outlook for college teachers has raised by 15%

12. [https://www.bls.gov/ooh/education-training-andLibrary/postsecondary-teachers.htm](https://www.bls.gov/ooh/education-training-and-library/postsecondary-teachers.htm)) this mean that there

13. could be a raise in incidents where a student could get unfair treatment there have already been students

14. suing teachers for grading unfairly. this one student, due the the professor's lack of correct marking she

15. failed her class and lost a possible 42,840\$ job.

16. <http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/ex-student-sues-school-1-3m-grade-article-1.1261784>

17. here's a quote from a certified scholarly research article by Jun sung Hong. "Sexual minority college

18. students report experiencing interpersonal heterosexism, ranging from subtle insults to blatant physical

19. violence. Such negative experiences can complicate developmental tasks common to adolescence and

20. emerging adulthood. Studies examining the nature of heterosexism on college campuses have focused on

21. blatant manifestations, yet subtle forms are more prevalent." this is a slight reference to how bias is not

22. only in the students, but also with the teachers and since the teachers are biased the students experience

23. extra difficulty

24. here's another quote that can explain how bias works: "Any such trend or deviation from the truth in data

25. collection, analysis, interpretation and publication is called bias. Bias in research can occur either

26. intentionally or unintentionally. Bias causes false conclusions and is potentially misleading. Therefore, it is

27. immoral and unethical to conduct biased research" ..." Bias can occur either intentionally or unintentionally

28. (1). Intention to introduce bias into someone's research is immoral." source:

29. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3900086/>

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31. **Definition:**

32. **Affirmative action(colleges):** admission of those who are underrepresented like LGBTQ

33. **teacher tenure:** a policy that restricts the ability to fire teachers, requiring a "just cause" rationale for

34. firing.

35. **presidents(college):** The Chief Executive and Administrative Officer for the Board of Trustees.

36. responsible for everything happening

37. **provosts(college):** the senior academic administrator at many institutions of higher education in the United

38. States.

39. **bias:** cause to feel or show inclination or prejudice for or against someone or something.

40. **Proposal for Action:**

41. To have the president and provost to do a check on the grading of minorities at schools every three months

42. The president and provost will have a meeting with the student about their grades talking about the possible

43. causes (not turning in work, incomplete work, bad grading, misunderstanding). The college professor will be

44. included in the meeting; the student will be providing evidence of unfair treatment/grading should the

45. evidence be true and effective the professor will be revoked of their certification will have to attend training

46. to teach again. The retraining will be around double the time that the teachers average training is. (the average

47. training for all teachers is around 10 days so, the training that fired teacher will take would be around 20

48. days)

49. **Results to be Expected**

- 50. a grade check and discuss conducted every 3 months with the president and provost of the college
- 51. better teacher to student communication
- 52. training to be extended for teachers that are fired in this process

Please save proposal as a WORD DOCUMENT using the following file naming scheme:

Last Name _ First Name _ School _ District (e.g. Smith _ John _ AustinHigh _ Austin)

Author: Andrew Lind and Daniel Carrillo **YMCA:** Highland Park High School

YMCA: Moody YMCA **City:** Dallas

#66

STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

1. **Title or Purpose:**

2. The implementation of preventative infrastructure to mitigate the negative effects of
3. hurricanes.

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5. **Major Area to be Affected:**

6. The Gulf Coast of Texas and its inhabitants.

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8. **Justification:**

9. The Gulf Coast of Texas has had a long history with hurricanes, and it needs to change
10. its infrastructure to prevent further damage by hurricanes. From the Great Galveston
11. Hurricane to the Hurricane Harvey, thousands of Texans lives have been altered and
12. billions of dollars have been lost throughout our history. Hurricane Harvey alone cost
13. \$125 billions dollars in damage, and the city of Houston greatly suffered. In order to
14. avoid any more catastrophic damage, we should implement preventative infrastructure
15. in cities in Texas near the Gulf Coast that would greatly mitigate a hurricanes effect. We
16. cannot afford another major hurricane catching us unprepared.

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23. The first and foremost issue that Texas should address is the urban planning in Houston.
24. A logical start would be instituting laws that limit Houston's urban sprawl along the
25. coast. Thousands of acres of wetland and prairie that previously absorbed runoff have
26. been paved over with concrete and asphalt. This creates massive runoff problems as the
27. water has nowhere to go except into the streets and people's homes. We need to help
28. Houston build upwards instead of outwards or at least inland. Strict zoning laws could be
29. a large amount of drainage pumps being put in in cities near to the Gulf of Texas. We
30. can also increase the height of sea walls and number of them for some of the smaller
31. coastal towns. The Galveston Seawall could also be in particular be expanded to cover
32. Houston.

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35. **Results to be Expected:**

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37. Expanding the Galveston Seawall can help prevent flooding and since there will be sea
38. level rise in the future this will help combat that. Expanding the Galveston Seawall will
39. lower the cost of damages of hurricanes and flooding. Getting more drainage pumps will
40. be very useful to mitigate the floodwaters on the road and in more urban areas which
41. will reduce the standing waters so reducing the damage done to buildings. Building
42. upwards will help decrease the runoff. These effects will help keep businesses and
43. homes intact so the hit the economy will take because of hurricanes and flooding will be
44. less than what it would be if we didn't implement these plans.

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Author: Sudiksha Pai, Insha Dosmohomed

YMCA Delegation: Imagine International Academy of North Texas/High School

YMCA: McKinney **City:** Dallas **PROPOSAL #:**

STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

67

1. **Title of Purpose**

2. Mandatory Minimum Sentencing

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4. **Major Area to be Affected**

5. Texas Region

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7. **Justification**

8. According to the law office of Andrew Williams, mandatory minimum sentences are
9. guidelines courts must follow when handing down punishment in criminal cases.
10. Throughout Texas, the "average criminal conviction rate is roughly 82 percent"
11. (Williams, Andrews). The minimum amount of jail time depends on the severity of the crime
12. and felony classification, by a judge. As stated in, CNN Politics in 2006 there was an allegedly
13. convicted terrorism accusation for Khalid Sheik Mohammed for being the alleged mastermind
14. of the 9/11 attacks. The judge on the case was Judge Scott Silliman and through his fixated
15. mindset, he drove the case with a biased opinion resulting in the unfair justice of Mohammed.
16. First-degree felonies must have a minimum of five years of conviction rather than the
17. maximum, life in prison. Second-degree felonies must take a minimum of two years in jail, but
18. can be as high as 20 years. Third-degree felonies must also have a two-year mandatory
19. minimum sentence but can go as high as 10 years, but for all three felonies, they will be
20. charged according to the minimum sentencing of the specific crime. On the other hand,
21. nonviolent offenses "does not involve the use or threat of force or infliction of injury against
22. the victim" (LaMance, Ken). This includes, the production or trafficking of drugs, the minimum
23. punishment is confinement in jail for not more than 2 years. The maximum is confinement for
24. not more than 99 years. The minimum sentence for possession of drugs is 180 days and the
25. maximum is also not more than 99 years.

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27. **Proposal for action**

28. We plan to require a mandatory minimum sentencing for **nonviolent offenses** as opposed to a
29. judge deciding the sentence. In Texas, courts should sentence criminal offenders the least
30. possible sentencing convicted of felony charges as opposed to a judge convicting the criminal's
31. Charges or not requiring additional prison time. By establishing this law, it will ensure fair
32. justice to the offenders of any race and have less cases of underpunished individuals.

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34. **Results to be expected**

35. We expect to eliminate the idea of having a judge decide a convict's future. This will impact
36. The overall legislative and judicial system with the implementation of mandatory sentencing.
37. Preventing biased opinions, and unfair justice.

2017- 2018 Texas Youth and Government

Author: Sanya Hegde and Triveni Khatri **YMCA:** Imagine International Academy of North Texas
YMCA: Mckinney YMCA **City:** Mckinney

STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

#68

Title or Purpose:

Increasing Water Accessibility in Lacking Areas

Major Area to be Affected:

State of Texas

Justification:

Water is a major resource used as a tool for food production, ecosystems, daily routines and is necessary for all areas. According to cdc.gov, 780 million people don't have access to sanitary water in about 43 countries all over the world. Water, sanitation and hygiene has the potential to prevent at least 9.1% of the global disease burden and 6.3% of all deaths. According to Aecom, the communities across Texas are dealing with a wide range of challenges for managing and safeguarding their water resources. Texas has been experiencing a dramatic population increase from the years 2000 to 2010, being one of the highest populated states in the U.S. (World Population Review). This impacts the amount of sanitary water by creating an extreme demand on its accessibility. According to the Texas Water Development Board's 2017 State Water Plan, nearly nine million acre-feet — a unit of volume to measure one acre of surface water to a depth of one foot — of additional water supplies will be needed to meet the state's demand for water by 2070. Based on this, it is crucial to take action now, so they will not be negatively impacted and always have a clean source of water in the future.

Proposal for Action:

Increasing the availability of water in lacking areas can be improved in many ways. The water that is flushed will be turned into precious energy, or in other words a biosolid. A biosolid is a natural material extracted during the wastewater treatment process, filled with nutrients, commonly referred to as net-zero energy. When biosolids have gone through a certain process, they can be used as fertilizers which can preserve soil productivity while increasing water sources. These biosolids can be accessed by water-lacking areas in Texas through transmission pipelines. Transmission pipelines are inserted underground to help transfer amounts of water from one location to another. According to Aecom.com, these pipelines give communities a benefit by providing resource sharing opportunities.

Results to be Expected:

By implementing biosolids and transmission pipelines, we will help the amount of clean, accessible water increase throughout the state of Texas.

STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

#69

1. **Title or Purpose:**

2. Minimum Wages in Texas

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4. **Major Area to be Affected:**

5. The lower class workers of Texas

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7. **Justification:**

8. Currently, citizens working for a minimum wage are only earning \$15,080.00 per year
9. (Square, Inc.). Now, the minimum wage for working Texans is \$7.25. If a person is
10. living alone and is working full-time, then they will avoid hitting poverty, however, that
11. is not the case for a single parent with a family to provide for (poverty.ucdavis.edu).
12. There has been an unfair distribution on wages for workers in recent years, and families
13. have started living under the poorest conditions to provide for their needs. However, the
14. government does accommodate for minimum wage employees with families, SNAP
15. benefits. SNAP benefits is a nutritional assistance to people a low income. However,
16. these benefits are taken away after the person works a certain number of hours. Also,
17. with home prices in Texas on the rise, it is difficult for an average family living under
18. minimum wage to provide for their basic needs, let alone paying off their home. With
19. the median price of a home at \$156,913 and the net income at \$15,080.00, a family
20. working to pay their home will spend more than 10 years paying, without mentioning
21. the food, clothes, and bills. (smartassets.com). In 2014, President Obama challenged
22. Congress to increase the minimum wages of lower class workers across the United
23. States.

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25. **Proposal for Action:**

26. Our proposal for action is to increase the minimum wage by 17% giving the Texans a
27. dollar and fifty cents more every hour they work. Although it may not seem like much,
28. this change can help many people and families all around Texas.

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30. **Results to be Expected:**

31. Once we add the \$1.50, people working minimum wage will earn \$17,500 annually,
32. giving Texans more than two thousand dollars more than before. We can expect many
33. positive results from this decision. These results being a higher wage for the working
34. people and families of Texas. Raising the minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$8.50 creates
35. many opportunities for working people and families to afford their basic needs, bills, and
36. housing. Just a slight positive change in this low minimum wage can benefit families all
37. across the Texas area.

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STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

1. **Title or Purpose:**

2. Adding Food Banks in Low Income Areas

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4. **Major Area to be Affected:**

5. Low Income Communities

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7. **Justification:**

8. Texas has roughly 50% of its population classified as low income. Most people
9. considered low income have a full time job, however they are still not making a
10. sufficient amount of money. Texas currently has the second lowest income city in
11. America. Almost all of the people who are considered low income live in a food desert.
12. Most of the food deserts in Texas are located in South Texas. In Texas, 4,277,540
13. people are struggling with hunger - and of them 1,676,740 are children.

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17. **Proposal for Action:**

18. Food banks will be added to low income areas in Texas. Each town that is considered
19. low income will have one food bank at central location. The food bank will have a
20. document showing any dietary restrictions that are common within the town. Based off
21. of the dietary needs special foods will be given based off of the people with dietary
22. restrictions. These foods will be chosen by a nutritionist.

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27. **Results to be Expected:**

28. People that live in food deserts will have more readily available food. Those who have
29. food restrictions will be able to eat the foods that they need to remain healthy.
30. Overall health will increase because the population will have access to health foods.



TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT

Author: Margaret Diaz and Sarah Hernandez
YMCA: White Rock

YMCA Delegation: Austin Academy
City: Garland **Proposal Number:** 12

STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

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Title or Purpose

An act declaring all schools include LGBT info/ ideology when learning about sexual education.

Major Area(s) to be Affected

All school districts in Texas

Justification

Many people in the LGBT community grow up knowing little to nothing about how to stay safe and healthy. Teachers fail to acknowledge LGBT youth in their classrooms and many students feel excluded and overlooked. Much of sexual education found online is neither age appropriate nor medically accurate. In research conducted by the Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) and the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Foundation, LGBT youth have reported either not having any sexual education or the sexual education that they received only consisted of cisgender heterosexual relationships and how to prevent pregnancies in those relationships. We believe it is important for anyone of any sexual orientation to receive the proper education for life and how to stay safe and healthy.

Proposal for Action

To implement a law encouraging that schools include LGBT youth in sex ed. Encourage and support the placement of Gay-Straight Alliance club in every school for LGBT students seeking help or closeted individuals to express themselves. Put up motivational posters that involve LGBT students and their pride.

Please save your proposal using the following file naming scheme:

Last Name _ First Name _ School _ District (e.g. Smith _ John _ LASA _ Austin)

Author: Ethan Howe, Jonathan Brown **YMCA Delegation:** Dowell Middle School

YMCA: Virginia **City:** McKinney, TX

Proposal #43

STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

Title or Purpose

Location Tracking Rights

Major Area(s) to be Affected

United States

Justification

The location tracking rights is on most android phones and iPhones.

Once this problem is deleted from citizens google account, many of their google apps are lost and are not to be found in the account.

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Proposes for Action

- Persuade browser websites to avoid the requests made to citizens for their location unless it is a mapping website like Google Maps or Waze, and if citizens cancel the location they should not be asked again. When citizens decline the question, google maps shouldn't browse through their history or give weather updates. Our action to this problem is to use google's help by navigating the setting deep in our google account and set it as a default.

Results to be Expected

Our hopeful results are is that after the app is paused that when citizens are in their google accounts that they are not asked the question. Hopefully when citizens decline the question that it doesn't not disagree with the citizens answer or opinion. When citizens are asked again that Google doesn't disappear from their technology due to their opinion.

Please save your proposal using the following file naming scheme:

Last Name _ First Name _ School _ District (e.g. Smith _ John _ LASA _ Austin)

Author: Ethan Steinkamp, Trenton Wright, Anthony Balfay **YMCA Delegation:** Enter Middle/High School.

YMCA: YMCA. **City:** McKinney

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STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

Title or Purpose

Why We Need A US Space Force?

Major Area(s) to be Affected

The U.S and our atmosphere

Justification

What are the reasons:

There is a whole bunch of space junk and stuff that is not healthy for our solar system, All of the space junk will eventually build up and create a huge wad of junk and could cause damage to some of our satellites if they collide. Who knows what kind of satellites might be up there and trying to get our governments information. We just never know what's up there. That's why we need a space force to get rid of that stuff.

Proposal for Action

We need to form a sixth branch of the military and create the space force.

Results to expect

We will have a healthier solar system and hopefully nobody will be able to get our governments information.

Author: Elizabeth Kamau, Nandini Potturi, Niya Ibssa **YMCA DELEGATION:** State Affairs Forum

YMCA: Mckinney YMCA

City: Mckinney

#45

STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

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Title or Purpose:

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Promoting Mental Wellness in Schools

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Major Area to be Affected:

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Public Schools in the State of Texas

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We want to take action by raising awareness, and having school counselors have a bigger part in their jobs, and take more action in schools. Counselors will hold two assemblies per school year to talk about mental health , its effects on students, and how to deal with the illness. Also, afterschool on certain days counselors

44. should be open to talk to students about mental health
45. individually or in groups depending if the students are comfortable
46. or not. Having counselors talk to the students about this topic can
47. help students to know not to feel embarrassed or alone. Students
48. can work more productively and understand what they are
49. capable of doing, not only that but they can also focus on
50. important things, and learn better overall. These assemblies will
51. be held at least twice a year, but it is up to the school if they want
52. to add more, the school can also chose the dates of the
53. assemblies. We would also like counselors to have meetings with
parents just to go over further information. Meetings with parents
will help parents understand what is at risk and what they can do
to help.

Results to be Expected:

We want students in both middle school and high school to be more aware of what actions to take and how to handle the situation, and to know what to do if themselves or a family or friend is dealing with this condition. We don't want students to feel alone, and feel down physically, and mentally due to embarrassment. In the end students should feel more comfortable in their skin, and should know they aren't alone.

Please save proposal as a WORD DOCUMENT using the following file naming scheme:
Last Name _ First Name _ School _ District (e.g. Smith _ John _ AustinHigh _ Austin)

Author: Marendra Ahuyon, Josilyn Mendoza YMCA: Kennemer Middle School.
YMCA: Oak Cliff. City: Dallas

Proposal # 18

STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

Title or Purpose:

Policies surrounding ICE and border control

Major Area to be Affected:

Immigrants
ICE
Border control

Justification:

- (A) In Texas there are 1.68 million undocumented immigrants according to www.texasmonthly.com
- (B) 4.1 million U.S. citizen children under the age of 18 live with at least one undocumented parent, according to www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org
- (C) 5.9 million U.S. citizen children under the age of 18 live with an undocumented family member, according to www.americanimmigrantcouncil.org
- (D) Roughly half-a-million U.S. citizen children experienced the apprehension, detention, and deportation of at least one parent in the course of about two years, according to www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org
- (E) When children are separated from their undocumented parents, some children may be more prone to substance abuse. Additionally it can increase the depression rates according to www.newsweek.com

Proposal for Action:

- (A) Anyone capable of trying or actually deporting an illegal immigrant must fit the illegal immigrant's criminal profile.
- (B) If the Illegal immigrant has no harsh criminal record they would be sent to jail for one day
- (C) After being in jail for one day they must discuss and set up a date and time to be in court, The Judge will decide what to do with the illegal immigrant.
- (D) The options the judges have to punish the undocumented immigrant is to give the undocumented immigrant community service hours, jail time.
- (E) If the judge decides to give the undocumented immigrant jail time it can only be up to a month

Results to be Expected:

We expect that the number of children that are in foster care system each year will drop, and the depression rates will drop tremendously.

Author: Caleb Christy and Keitrone Simpson YMCA: Kennemer Middle School
YMCA: Oak Cliff City: Duncanville PROPOSAL #: 22

STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

Title or Purpose:

Equalize public school funding across Texas

Major Area to be Affected:

All public schools across Texas

Justification:

(a) There are currently 1,031 public schools according to us news top 10 states.

(b) Texas Senate unanimously approved a two-year budget on Tuesday that would shift nearly \$2 billion in public education costs from the state to local taxpayers according to Texas Senate Tribune.

(c) Texas is rank 36 out of all the the united states for education

(d) Dallas is currently planning to close 47 schools

Proposal for Action:

(A) We are going to equalize the funding for all schools across texas.

(B) We will be providing poor working schools with in-dated textbooks and educational learning devices such laptops.

(D) We will also fixing ran down schools

Results to be Expected:

Our result to be expected is that all public schools will have the same funding in same education across texas by 2019-2020 and will still continue.

Author: Sadia Abdullah, Mahek Sayed, Jenna Jibrin YMCA: Middle School/High School
YMCA: White Rock City, Garland Proposal #: 14

STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

1. Title or Purpose

2. For children identified as abused to be put in counseling.

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Major Area to be Affected

5. Children identified as being abused.

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7. Justification

8. The problem of children being abused (In some cases, not reported of abuse)

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13. Proposal for Action

14. This proposal's purpose is so that if there children being abused, there parents are forced to send their child for counseling. This proposal applies to all child abusers, but the

parent/guardian (basically caretaker) are responsible for putting the abused child in

17. counseling. Child abuse can come in many forms: physical abuse, sexual abuse,

18. emotional abuse, child neglect, and family violence. Physical abuse is being beaten,

19. kicked, punched, etc. Sexual abuse is when a child is included in sexual activities with

20. another child or adult. Emotional abuse is when a child is not receiving love or care from

21. their parent/guardian. Child neglect is when the caretaker for the child is failing to provide

22. the child's needs such as food, clothes, etc. Family violence is when a family member

24. acts abusive towards another family member. It includes many different types of physical

25. abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, and child neglect. Child abuse is wrong and it

26. needs to end. I strongly believe that abused children should be put in counseling.

27. Results to be Expected

28. That abused children will be put in counseling so they don't turn out to be bad people or

29. abusers them self. I hope counseling will provide a better future for abused children.

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Author: Matthew Urquhart YMCA: WHITE ROCK

City: Garland PROPOSAL #: 15

STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

1.	<u>Title or Purpose:</u>
2.	Enacting 3D gun regulations in the state of Texas.
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4.	<u>Major Area to be Affected:</u>
5.	Texas citizens. Any structures using medical detectors to ensure
6.	safety of occupants (courthouse, government buildings, schools,
7.	hospitals, etc.)
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8.	<u>Justification:</u>
9. 10.	Since the legal settlement between Cody Wilson and the
11.	Government, blueprints for 3D guns are now available for anyone.
12.	Only two states have submitted proposals for laws. In 2013,
13.	Philadelphia enacted a ban on 3D guns. California, in 2016,
14.	requires 3D printing firearms to apply a serial number from the
15.16.	Department of Justice. And, California, has legislation mandating
17.	3D printed guns must contain a piece of stainless steel. Texas
18.	currently does not have any laws regulating 3D gun printing.
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21.22.23.	This proposal brings forth the raising of punishment for owning a
24.25.26.27.	unregistered 3d printed firearm. If you mill a firearm in a miller, it
28.	shall also fall under this proposal. Lower receivers are the part
29.	that makes a firearm a firearm. A firearm cannot fire without a
30.	lower receiver. If one was to make a functional 3d printed firearm
31.	they would need to buy/make a lower receiver. Lower receivers
32.	can only be made of metal because of the extreme heat they
33.	have to withstand. This proposes that if your LOWER RECIEVER is
34.	not registered it will carry the weight of an unregistered gun
35.36.	charge. These guns will be found mostly in traffic stops. These
37.	weapons are dangerous as they can be snuck into airports, which
38.	could end in a very costly situation that is good for nothing, other
39.	than horrible unspeakable crimes.
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41.	<u>Results to be Expected:</u>
42.	The risk of 3D printed firearm violence should go down.
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STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

1. **Title or Purpose:**

2. PRO – Promoting Mental Wellness in Schools

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4. **Major Area to be Affected:**

5. Public School Districts, Health Industry, Law Enforcement, Students

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7. **Justification:**

8. Between 12% and 22% of all youngsters under the age of 18 are in need of services for
9. mental, emotional, or behavioral problems. It has been documented that well over 50%
10. of students in large urban schools manifest significant learning, behavior, and emotional
11. problems, yet there is no mandated program to assist these students in the public-
12. school system.

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14. Without diagnosis and treatment, these students fall behind academically, succumb to
15. depression, lack social skills, run the risk of not graduating, become criminals (i.e.
16. breaking into houses, petty theft, etc.), become homeless, and often commit suicide.

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18. Accommodations are provided for students with physical disabilities and learning
19. disorders; the same assistance should be provided to those students with mental
20. disorders.

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22. **Proposal for Action:**

23. Each school district will employ at least one mental health professional to oversee the
24. inclusion of mental illness information in the curriculum, as well as implement a program
25. to identify and diagnose students with mental illness and provide a treatment plan. This
26. may include setting up a screening process to recognize students with a need for mental
27. health services. Once identified, appropriate treatment will be provided which could
28. include individual therapy, family therapy, medication, diet, etc. The district will work
29. with area physicians, medical centers, hospitals, treatment centers, and other agencies,
30. etc. to provide low-cost or no-cost assistance to students and families.

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33. **Results to be Expected:**

34. Behavioral issues in school districts should decline as well as the number of juvenile
35. suicide rates, attempted or otherwise. Arrest and incarceration rates for juveniles should
36. decline as well. Students will feel better and will have improved success at school. It
37. will raise self-esteem and ultimately improve and save lives.

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Prop. # 2

STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

1. **Title or Purpose:**

2. That to buy a 3d printer you have to have a gun license
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4. **Major Area to be Affected:**

5. People that have 3d printers and 3d printed guns
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7. **Justification:**

8. it's estimated that more than 1,000 people had already downloaded 3D plans
9. for AR-15 semi-automatic assault rifles.

10. Over 1k people have printed plans for assault rifle
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12. In America, there are an estimated 250-280 million firearms
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14. 86% of juveniles in correctional facilities are reported to have owned a gun at some
15. point
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17. 65% of juvenile offenders tend to own three or more illegal weapons and firearms.

18. At least 40% of Americans have guns at their house
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23. **Proposal for Action:**

24. We will make it to where you have to have a 3d printer license and a gun license and a
25. detector that can recognize and report to the cops that a gun is being printed

26. In America, there are an estimated 250-280 million firearms

27. 86% of juveniles in correctional facilities are reported to have owned a gun at some
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30. 65% of juvenile offenders tend to own three or more illegal weapons and firearms.
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39. **Results to be Expected:**

40. That less 3d printed guns will be printed.
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STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

Title or Purpose

Equalize Public School Funding In Texas

Major Area(s) to be Affected

Texas Public Schools

Justification

Funding public schools is a shared responsibility between the state and local property tax payers. Using a set of formulas (that take into account the particular makeup of each school district), the state determines how much funding is distributed to each school district. The goal is to ensure that a student's zip code doesn't determine their educational opportunities. The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires that federal funds must supplement and may NOT supplant (supersede and replace) state and local funds. The proposal will help ensure that federal funds are additive and do not take the place of state/local funds in low income schools. While the goal is to equalize funding many fear that complying with the regulation would force districts to reallocate resources from some schools to others, resulting among other things, in the forced transfer or even firing of some school staff.

"America's poorest neighborhoods would be hit the hardest as communities are forced to relocate teachers, raise taxes, or both" said John Kline, R-Minn., who framed the regulation as a "multi-billion dollar regulatory tax" that would "wreak havoc" on schools and students.

Judge John Dietz ruled the Robin Hood scheme, which requires schools to share with those in poorer districts, unconstitutional, both because the money is insufficient and because it is not distributed fairly.

Proposal for Action

Our proposal for action is to abolish the Robin Hood method/scheme. We want to have schools funded by average income in their area, rather than equalizing it. For example, low income areas have smaller property taxes, which means they wouldn't need as much money to get materials/opportunities as high income areas. If we equalized the funding for all public schools, no matter the cost of different components, schools in high income areas would be struggling while schools in low income areas would be using extra money effectively.

Results to be Expected

By abolishing the Robin Hood method/scheme, we expect that money will be used more responsibly throughout the Texas school systems. This means that higher income areas will not have to give up money to lower income areas that is needed for the high income schools. This also means that lower income schools will get the money that they

STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

1. **Title or Purpose:**

2. Equalizing public school funding across Texas

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4. **Major Area to be Affected:**

5. Public Schools, Charter Schools, School Administrations and Boards

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7. **Justification:**

8. With this proposal we could start the beginning of getting the proper school funding
9. that schools need to thrive and fully provide for their students. Texas is 36th in the
10. country for school funding. This because we have no state income tax and rely
11. heavily on high property taxes for funding education. Because of rising property
12. values, the state will fund about 38 percent of public education through the school
13. funding formulas by 2019, down from about 49 percent in 2008. In real dollars, this
14. means local property taxpayers will contribute \$12 billion more than the state does
15. to support our schools. Many of the problems with our school finance system stem
16. from how horribly outdated and underfunded our schools are. To ensure the state's
17. future competitiveness, the people of Texas deserve a simplified, remodeled, and
18. well-funded school finance system capable of providing a high-quality 21st century
19. education to every child.

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21. **Proposal for Action:**

22. I propose to equalize the school funding system, by raising the statewide sales tax
23. by one half of one percent. By doing this every Texan pays and receives the benefit
24. from it. I propose this idea because, school funding has repeatedly relied on local
25. property tax, which cause schools in less prosperous areas to fall behind. I would
26. raise the state sales tax, because there has not been an increase in it since 1995.

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28. **Results to be Expected:**

29. Increased funding for education statewide on an equal fair basis. Increased funding
30. will allow schools to make technological improvements to keep up with today's high
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STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

1. **Title or Purpose:**

2. Abolishing Teacher Tenure

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4. **Major Area to be Affected:**

5. Texas Teachers and School Administration

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7. **Justification:**

8. Teacher tenure is when teachers are granted a permanent job after 3 three years of
9. probation. Probation is when school administration observe teacher for 3 years before
10. they can get tenure. After a teacher gets tenure, it becomes very difficult to fire them.
11. Tenure was used for teachers as a protection from anyone to fire them for reasons
12. such as race, gender, and political views. While tenure protects all good teachers for
13. getting fired for bad reasons, it is doing the complete opposite. Tenure was originally
14. established in the 1700s but, has morphed in to a "job for life" for teachers. Tenure is
15. now a benefit no longer enjoyed by any other area of the US workforce. Therefore,
16. tenure removes incentives for teachers to put more than minimum effort into focusing
17. and improving their teaching. 81% of administrators knew a poorly performing tenured
18. teacher and 86% of administrators said that they do not pursue dismissal of a tenured
19. teacher because of the costly and time-consuming process. It costs an average of
20. \$300,000 and takes 2-10 years to get a teacher dismissed. Because of the amount of
21. time and money it takes to get a teacher dismissed, 2 teachers out of 275,000
22. teachers are dismissed every year. In fact, it is so hard to fire a tenured teacher, that
23. even if the teacher is teaching nothing in the class and failing the students, the teacher
24. still won't get fired. Tenure has a "last-hired, first-fired" policy, which makes seniority
25. the main factor dismissal decisions instead of teacher performance and quality. This
26. policy makes sure that old teachers still have a job and new teachers don't get a
27. chance to prove themselves worthy of teaching. Texas grants tenure after only 3 years
28. of probation. 3 years is not enough to show a teacher's worth or ineptitude. According
29. to a study done by the University of Washington's Center on Reinventing Public
30. Education, the first two or three years of teaching do not predict post-tenure
31. performance.

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34. The proposal for action is to abolish teacher tenure in the state of Texas. Every student
35. has the right to an equal education. "Being a kid in the school system now is a lot like
36. being in the lottery", says Julia Macias, a freshman in high school. "You might get an
37. amazing teacher one year and then a not so amazing teacher the other, and your
38. scores reflect on that." Sophomore Beatriz Vergara said that she had a teacher that
39. would take 10 minutes on attendance and be on his laptop all class. He would also let
40. the students smoke marijuana in class. If teacher tenure is abolished in Texas, then
41. teachers would have an incentive to work for, so they give their maximum effort.
42. Therefore, students will have a better chance at getting educated.

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44. **Results to be Expected:**

45. The results to be expected are that students will get a higher quality education, and
46. that the teachers will be more focused on educating the students.

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STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

1. **Title or Purpose:**

2. A new system surrounding ICE

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4. **Major Area to be Affected:**

5. The immigrants of Texas

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7. **Justification:**

8. The citizen test of Texas is extremely hard. The immigrants who take the test just want
9. a better chance at life, but we are taking that chance away from them by making the
10. test so hard, and not providing them with translation for those who don't know English.
11. Most immigrants come from poverty with no education. According to U.S. Citizenship
12. and Immigration Services, 91 percent of foreign-born applicants pass the naturalization
13. test. That means that 9% of the immigrants don't pass. That may not seem like a lot to
14. most people, but compared to the amount of immigrants there are, it is a lot. There was
15. an experiment conducted where high-school students in Oklahoma and Arizona were
16. given the citizen test, fewer than 4 percent got the necessary six out of ten answers
17. right. If natural born, English speaking citizens can't even pass the test, how do you
18. expect an immigrant that doesn't know English with no education to pass it? And, if
19. more immigrants come, then the business rate will increase. If the business rates
20. increase, the amount of jobs will increase. With more jobs available to the public, it will
21. also decrease the homeless population.

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25. **Proposal for Action:**

26. Our proposal for action is to provide an interpreter will be provided for immigrants who
27. doesn't know of know much English. We will also lower the passing percentage to 60%.

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30. **Results to be Expected:**

31. There will be more immigrants coming to Texas which would lead to a decrease in the
32. homeless population and an increase in the business economy. With more people in
33. Texas, the state would become more diverse. And we will help immigrants stat a better
34. life.

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City: Garland, Texas **Proposal Number:** 10

STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

1. **Title or Purpose:**

2. To track 3D printers and sales of parts used to make a 3D gun and to require people
3. who own a 3D printed gun to have a license.
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6. **Major Area to be Affected:**

7. Owners of a 3D printer
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11. **Justification:**

12. People are 3D printing guns and the gun cannot be traced. Those who make these guns
13. remain mostly untraceable, and so even if the gun is taken, they can manufacturer
14. more. If the person who prints these guns is known, law enforcement wouldn't know
15. where the printer itself would be and cannot confiscate it.
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20. **Proposal for Action:**

21. If the company who made the 3D printer did a monthly check of people who own a 3D
22. printer and retail sends things the owner bought relating to a 3D printer, such as a
23. special plastic, the company can do a check in order to keep Texas safe. A license will
24. also be required if someone does own a 3D printed gun.
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29. **Results to be Expected:**

30. 3D guns won't be too dangerous and classified as "ghost guns" anymore. There will be
31. licenses for 3D guns just like there are with regular handguns with the same
32. requirements, such as an age requirement and driver's license. Companies will track 3D
33. printers and retailers will send plastic sales to companies. If there's a sudden spike in
34. sales of the plastic used for the 3D guns, then someone in law enforcement can order
35. the person who made the firearm to get a license in the span of 2 weeks.
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YMCA: Christian Heritage Academy
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Proposal # ~~22~~ 23

STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

1. **Title or Purpose:**

2. CON – Location tracking rights

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4. **Major Area to be Affected:**

5. People's Privacy, Any company that sells merchandise with GPS or tracking chips, Law
6. Enforcement Agencies

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8. **Justification:**

9. People are being tracked by their technology without their knowledge and often without
10. their permission, or without their knowing they have given permission.

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17. No person, unless they agree to it and are knowledgeable that they agreed to it, should
18. have their location tracked by law enforcement (of any kind), cell phone companies, car
19. dealers, etc.

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21. Law enforcement must have a warrant in order to track people via cell phones, cars, etc.

22. They should be required to demonstrate just cause in order to receive a warrant. Car

23. companies should not record or store the whereabouts of clients without law

24. enforcement supplying a warrant to do so or without the clients' permission.

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39. People's privacy will be respected. Companies will not be able to track their location

40. without their permission. Law enforcement agencies will not be able to track citizens

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YMCA: Oak Cliff **City:** Dallas Texas

Proposal # 17

STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

1. **Title or Purpose:**

2. Food deserts

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4. **Major Area to be Affected:**

5. The southern parts of Texas

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7. **Justification:**

8. Ever since Hurricane Harvey hit, people have been without food for a large amount of
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17. For every 10 blocks in every city in Texas over 20,000 people there must be a grocery
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STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

1 **Title or Purpose:**

1 School-to-prison pipeline

2 **Major Area to be Affected:**

. The United States

3 **Justification:**

4 (A) 40% of students that get expelled from U.S schools each year are African American

. (B) 50% of children in the foster care system are African American or Latino.

5 (C) 70% of inmates in California State Prison are former foster care youth.

. (D) Around 5 percent of white students are suspended or expelled at some point in a
6 K-12 career, compared with 16 percent of African American.

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8 **Proposal for Action:**

. (A) If the student didn't do nothing bad the
8 principal will look at what happened and if nothing as bad happen they
. can go to ISS or suspension

9 (B) If the student didn't do nothing bad they
. can call their parents and the parents will most likely fixed it.

(C) The teachers will get a suspension for
1 at least 2-4 days depending on the offence which can lead to be up to
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2 **Results to be Expected:**

. To Lower the amount of kids that go to juvenile detention.Prevent the amount of SRO
1 attacks in schools.Prevent the amount of SRO attacks in schools.This leaves African

3 American students over three times more likely to face suspension than their white students .

. When you add in Latino numbers, 70 percent of all in-school arrests are African American or
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Middle School

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City: Dallas, Tx

Proposal #28

1. **Title or Purpose:**

2. Banding profit prisons

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6. **Major Area to be Affected:**

7. Texas citizen's

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9. **Justification:**

10. There arresting people for non-major crimes

11. Now adding more time to prison time

12. Product of that is prison are getting more money for each prisoner incarcerated

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15. **Proposal for Action:**

16. Try to take away the profited prisons

17. Try to make them not get the profit for every prisoners

18. Separate rooms for people to eat lunch sleep and the junk yard

19. Separate people who are going to death row

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27. **Results to be Expected:**

28. Not being a lot of people in prison

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STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

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City: Garland **Proposal Number:** 32 \ |

STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

1. **Title or Purpose**

2. The future of Deferred Action (DACA)

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4. **Major Area(s) to be Affected**

5. Urban and Suburban Texas Areas

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7. **Justification**

8. DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) is an American immigration policy in
9. which individuals who were brought to the U.S. illegally as children to receive a two-
10. year period of deferred action (an immigration status granted by the executive
11. branch to illegal immigrants) from deportation and and become eligible for a workers
12. permit in Texas. The current population of Texas (2018) is 29,366,479 people with
13. an estimated minimum of 1.7 million undocumented immigrants, translating to 15%
14. of the Texas population being made up of illegal immigrants.

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18. **Proposal for Action**

19. To create a system for illegal minors who were brought here them until they are of
age to

20. gain U.S. citizenship and a workers permit. The parents of the illegal minors will be
21. asked to gain permission to house their child(ren) until they are 18 years of age. The
22. minors will be given sufficient housing with food and health care year round.

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26. **Results to be Expected**

27. The DACA program will house illegal minors until they are eligible to receive a
28. workers permit and citizenship from the government of Texas.

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STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

1. **Title or Purpose:**

2. Requiring Texas public schools to have mandatory depression and anxiety training for
3. all teachers.

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5. **Major Area to be Affected:**

6. Texas Public Schools
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8. **Justification:**

9. Depression is a serious mental illness that lasts for 2 weeks or more with constant feelings of
10. sadness, irritability, and hostility.

11. When depressive episodes occur, a person's thoughts, feelings, and behaviors become overwhelming
12. and they persist over a long period of time. Feelings of irritability, aggression, rage, risky behavior,
13. isolation and suicidal thoughts/attempts become the norm and interrupt school, work and social
14. functioning.

15. Depression is three times more likely to occur in females than in males.

16. 1 in 12 teenagers have committed suicide each year.

17. Common symptoms include: Weight loss or gain, poor grades at schools, trouble falling asleep or
18. sleeping too much, and lack of energy. Source: [https://www.teentreatmentcenter.com/teen-](https://www.teentreatmentcenter.com/teen-depression-statistics/)
19. [depression-statistics/](https://www.teentreatmentcenter.com/teen-depression-statistics/)

20. For some teens, however, anxiety can go beyond these typical symptoms to negatively affect
21. friendships and family relationships, participation in extracurricular activities, and even their
22. schoolwork. When feelings of anxiety interfere with daily life, the presence of an anxiety disorder
23. should be considered. According to the National Institute of Mental Health, approximately 25% of
24. 13- to 18-year-olds have an anxiety disorder, and just under 6% have a severe anxiety disorder.
25. The most common types of anxiety include: social phobia, specific phobia, panic disorder, PTSD, and
26. separation anxiety.

27. Social, political, and environmental causes are likely implicated in an increase in the
28. number of teens each year who have had a depressive episode, up 37 percent between 2005
29. and 2014. Anxiety disorders are the most common mental health disorders of childhood
30. and adolescence. Different kinds of anxiety affect young people at different times in
31. development. Phobias and separation anxiety affect primarily young children; social anxiety
32. develops later, as peer relationships become more important.

33. Sources: [https://childmind.org/report/2017-childrens-mental-health-report/anxiety-](https://childmind.org/report/2017-childrens-mental-health-report/anxiety-depression-adolescence/)
34. [depression-adolescence/](https://childmind.org/report/2017-childrens-mental-health-report/anxiety-depression-adolescence/)
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37. **Proposal for Action:**

38. Our proposal is to require all public schools to have all teachers participate in a
39. mandatory training over signs and protocol for teenage depression and anxiety. The
40. school district will be required to bring in a psychologist with an up to date license to
41. teach these lessons. This class will be redone every year for all teachers' training to be
42. up to date.

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YMCA: Town North YMCA

City: Dallas

Proposal #29

STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

1. **Title or Purpose:**

2. There should be more regulations for 3d printed firearms.

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4. **Major Area to be Affected:** Texas

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7. **Justification:** We think that it is just for the United States of America to regulate and
8. control the production of 3D printed firearms. 3D printed firearms are violent devices
9. that fire the ammunition of a regular gun. The 3D printed firearms are made of plastic
10. and are required to have a metal plate to be detected by metal detectors. Since they are
11. made of plastic, they are unreliable and on impact of the firing pin, the ammunition goes
12. off melting the plastic. The weapon have a lot of potential of hurting people.

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16. **Proposal for Action:** For the regulation for 3D printed firearms, there should be a
17. regulation on the 3D printers themselves and the materials that are used in them. For
18. example, someone in the market for a 3D printer should have an id and be over 21 on
19. the location of purchase. On the materials, the purchaser should be limited to on the
20. amount and the time of last purchase. For industrial size printers, the company that is
21. purchasing should send a representative and the legal documents to confirm the
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36. **Results to be Expected:** The results are that there would be much fewer 3D printers
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38. many practical uses for 3D printers. There is a chance that exceptions may have to be
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Proposal #16

STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

1. **Title or Purpose:** School-to-prison pipeline

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3. **Major Area to be Affected:** The Justice System

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5. **Justification:** There's a need to reduce the prison population, prisons, and

6. invest in the lives of millions of young citizens.

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13. Every third grade boy in urban areas in Texas will have access to a reading tutor.

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YMCA: SAF **City:** Dallas

Proposal #
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STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

1. **Title or Purpose:**

2. A-F grading scale should be discontinued.

3. **Major Area to be Affected:**

4. Schools in Texas

5. The students and teachers in Texas schools

6. **Justification:**

7. Texastribune.org stated that the A-F grading scale is "transparent" and too close to the
8. failing and passing grades. By that they mean that since the kids are graded on such a
9. short scale, it is harder for kids to know whether or not they passed.

10. According to mwisd.net "TEA officials ensured that these unofficial scores will become
11. the de facto rating system for Texas schools"

12. It makes it a lot more complicated knowing which letter means what or knowing if you
13. passed or failed in something.

14. 1-10 scale will help people put more effort by knowing with more accuracy where they
15. grade are, for example, if one student got a "9" and one student got a "10", both would
16. just get an "A" in the A-F grading scale. This might not push the "9" student to put an
17. extra effort to reach for the "10" and in the same time, the "10" student will think that
18. there is no need for too much effort to get a "10". A more accurate grade system can
19. support more effort to improve grades.

20. Teachers and schools can more easily recognize efforts that each student put into their
21. work.

22. People have more of an advantage given a bigger grading scale. Since the grading scale
23. is bigger than the normal A, B, C, D, F (5 scaling notches) it makes it easier for kids to
24. get better grades. Since the grading scale is very small, its easier for teachers to grade
25. students but harder for students to get better grades.

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28. **Proposal for Action:**

29. In every school the teachers would have to grade the students work by the 1-10 scale.

30. This transition would happen over a period of 2 years so both teachers and students can
31. adapt and grow from the scale.

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33. **Results to be Expected:**

34. If our proposal were to pass, all the schools would be on the 1-10 grading. You could
35. see the students getting better grades, and the community of learners growing bigger
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Academy of North Texas
YMCA: McKinney YMCA **City:** McKinney *Proposal #4*

STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

1. **Title or Purpose:**

2. Tech companies data mining personal information

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4. **Major Area to be Affected:**

5. Texas

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9. We propose that consumers should be able to trust companies without having the worry
10. of the business selling their personal information for gaining profit. You might Ask what
11. is data mining? According to the Merriam Webster Dictionary. " *the practice Of searching*
12. *through large amounts of computerized data to find useful patterns or trends.*" This
13. means that if a company is selling laptops and wants to find which Laptop is selling
14. better, and grousing more money, than they would do data mining on the information to
15. figure out the consumers personal opinions on the laptop they have been selling. All
16. data mining isn't good, in some cases people, tech companies specifically, will sell the
17. data for personal profit. Some security companies give you a false sense of security by
18. saying "this will not be shared." Companies put false protection around your accounts,
19. such as how Facebook misled consumers about how they were releasing personal
20. information.

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27. We propose that mining classified data without users knowledge should be banned,
28. ultimately with punishments such as jail time depending on the circumstances. This
29. does not mean we propose to stop all data mining. Mining data with users 'authorization
30. can be positive because users will have advertisements targeted at them that could
31. potentially help them. For instance a survey could show you were a retired military
32. worker and target veteran healthcare support ads to you.

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38. **Results to be Expected:**

39. This will force companies to be more forthcoming with what they are doing with personal
40. data. We believe that illegal data mining will become less of a issue because consumers
41. will be aware of how their personal data is being used. Proper use of data, will still
42. continue, but privacy will be protected. The data mining that is illegal like hacking
43. banking records, Health Records, Surveys, Etc. would be prevented thru consumer
44. awareness. The reasonable version of data mining would be allowed, and the users
45. accomplishing data mining would not be charged for crimes.

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YMCA: Oak Cliff Delegation

City: Dallas TX

Proposal # 19

STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

1. **Title or Purpose:**

2. Establishing a U.S spaceforce.

4. **Major Area to be Affected:**

5. NASA or other space organizations in the U.S.

7. **Justification:**

8. Creating this sixth branch the spaceforce can allow us to conduct more research
9. operations in space.eventually,colonize the moon with U.S troops for military bases, and
10. expand the limits of resources we have.We only have operators or scientists but no
11. combat operators right now. Although President Trump and the congress want to see
12. concrete steps to an official U.S. space force, by that they want a combat space force
13. and is going to be used for for research.But if rival nations goes to space and threaten
14. our nations we will have combat astronauts to go and complete operations.
15. Military officials are concerned about threats from China and Russia in particular. In
16. 2007 China destroyed an American weather satellite and then destroyed another satellite
17. a few years later.

19. When it comes to a spaceforce only two countries are known to have on right now which
20. is China who has the People's Liberation Army Strategic Spaceforce.Russia who also has
21. a spaceforce made with their aerospace and missile defence force to create the Russian
22. Aerospace Forces. This spaceforce can finally equal our power in space.

25. **Proposal for Action:**

26. (A)Establish the sixth branch of the U.S military teaming up with organizations such as
27. NASA.It will include new members of Joint chiefs of staff and a political appointee
28. serving as a service secretary. Establishing this sixth branch of the military can toughen
29. our defences against rival countries who have threats in space. Even though this can
30. cost up to millions of dollars, America has one of the highest GDP in the world at 19.39
31. trillion dollars.

34. **NASA:**The National Aeronautics and Space Administration

35. **GDP:**gross domestic product

40. **Results to be Expected:**

41. After establishing this spaceforce, the U.S will have tighter defences against the Russian
42. and china Spaceforce. American satellites attacks should not be occuring due to tighter
43. security.

46. **Sources:**

47. www.forbes.com

48. <https://www.space.com/41943-space-force-extend-earth-moon-space.html>

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YMCA: Richardson YMCA **City:** Richardson Proposal #27

STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

1. **Title or Purpose:**

2. Make it more difficult to make firearms made by 3D printers.

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4. **Major Area to be Affected:**

5. 3D printer manufacturers, 3D printer owners

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7. **Justification:**

8. We want to make it more difficult to print firearms on 3D printers because it will
9. increase the safety of the public in the state of Texas. Firearms made from 3D printers
10. are more difficult to monitor due to how they are sold and the materials.

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15. **Proposal for Action:**

16. The makers of 3D printers who want to print firearms must apply for an official serial
17. number from the Department of Justice. This application process will also consist of a
18. Federal Background Check. If the owner of the printer does not cooperate with this
19. process, they could face a misdemeanor charge.

20. All 3D printers sold in the state of Texas will also be given new software, that includes a
21. tracker so that if needed a record could be pulled to see what was produced from that
22. printer.

23. Anyone caught with a 3D printed firearm will be charged with a misdemeanor and
24. anything after that person could be charged with a felony and possible time in jail.

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37. **Results to be Expected:**

38. We hope by these actions that there will be less 3D firearms being printed and that
39. leads to less firearms to the public.

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YMCA Delegation: Austin Academy
City: Garland **Grade:** 8th

**A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED**

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An act to create a PSA to inform students grades 5 through 12 about the dangers of eating disorders and declaring an emergency.
Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

Section I. DEFINITIONS:

1. Eating disorder: Eating disorders are illnesses in which the people experience severe disturbances in their eating behaviors and related thoughts and emotions. People with eating disorders typically become pre-occupied with food and their body weight.
 - Eating disorders affect several million people at any given time, most often women between the ages of 12 and 35. There are three main types of eating disorders: anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa and binge eating disorder.
 - People with anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa tend to be perfectionists with low self-esteem and are extremely critical of themselves and their bodies. They usually "feel fat" and see themselves as overweight, sometimes even despite life-threatening semi-starvation (or malnutrition). An intense fear of gaining weight and of being fat may become all-pervasive. In early stages of these disorders, patients often deny that they have a problem.
2. Public Service Announcement (PSA): Is a message in the public interest disseminated without charge, with the objective of raising awareness, changing public attitudes and behavior towards a social issue

Section II. PROVISIONS:

1. There will be a PSA informing adolescents about the dangers of eating disorders that will be shown to them once every semester.
2. This PSA will be made for all districts and schools.
3. This PSA will be distributed to them for free.
4. Individual schools and districts are permitted to provide additional PSA's, if they so choose.
5. These PSA's must contain information on all types of eating disorders, and how to deal with emotions in a healthy manner.
6. Multiple PSA's can and should be made to be shown to different grades.

Section III. PENALTIES:

1. When a school or district refuses to show the PSA, the school or district will have to pay for the treatment of any students identified with an eating disorder at that school or district that was diagnosed within that school year.
2. If the School or District continues to refuse to comply and/or refuses to pay for the treatment of students then the school officials will be fired and replaced

Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:

The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended.



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STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

Proposal # 

Title or Purpose:

The school-to-prison pipeline

Major Area to be Affected:

Students from two groups—racial minorities and children with disabilities

Justification:

- I. Policies that encourage police presence at schools, harsh tactics including physical restraint, and automatic punishments that result in suspensions and out-of-class time are huge contributors to the pipeline, but the problem is more complex than that. The school-to-prison pipeline starts (or is best avoided) in the classroom. When combined with zero-tolerance policies, a teacher's decision to refer students for punishment can mean they are pushed out of the classroom—and much more likely to be introduced into the criminal justice system.
- II. Racial minorities and children with disabilities—are disproportionately represented in the school-to-prison pipeline. African-American students, for instance, are 3.5 times more likely than their white classmates to be suspended or expelled, according to a nationwide study by the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights. For students with disabilities, the numbers are equally troubling. One report found that while 8.6 percent of public school children have been identified as having disabilities that affect their ability to learn, these students make up 32 percent of youth in juvenile detention centers.
- III. Students of color and children with special needs were disproportionately affected by law enforcement's involvement in schools. Latino students were arrested and referred for juvenile probation 1.87 times more often than their white classmates; for black students, the rate was 2.86 times higher.
- IV. In Texas school districts appear to spend more on police officers than counselors. Also in Texas, students with disabilities make up 24 percent of arrests, despite constituting only 9 percent of all enrollment. 46 percent of kids age 10-12 in probation programs were referred by their school. Even More Shocking is that in Texas students as young as age 6 are subject to use of force by school police.

Proposal for Action:

Instead of pushing children out, teachers need a lot more support and training for effective discipline, and schools need to use best practices for behavior modification to keep these kids in school where they belong.

1. Increase the use of positive behavior interventions and supports.
2. Compile annual reports on the total number of disciplinary actions that push students out of the classroom based on gender, race and ability.
3. Create agreements with police departments and court systems to limit arrests at school and the use of restraints, such as mace and handcuffs.
4. Provide simple explanations of infractions and prescribed responses in the student code of conduct to ensure fairness.
5. Create appropriate limits on the use of law enforcement in public schools.
6. Train teachers on the use of positive behavior supports for at-risk students.

Results to be Expected:

1. Pre-K through 2nd grade students should no longer receive an out-of-school suspension for minor behaviors. Texas students should no longer be charged with a crime or face fines for truancy(s).
2. School-based police officers in school districts with an enrollment of 30,000 or more students should receive youth-focused education and training.
3. We should notice over 50% drop in the number of Class C tickets issued to school children for minor misbehavior.
4. No child under 12 can be criminally prosecuted in adult court for Class C Misdemeanors after legislation supported by Texas Appleseed passed in 2011. More than a 70% reduction in the number of youth in state secure lockups.

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YMCA: McKinney City: Dallas. PROPOSAL #: Regulating the sale of arsenal weapons

STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

Title or Purpose:

Regulating the sale of arsenal weapons

Major Area to be Affected: Texas

Justification: Gun violence is a extremely serious problem. it is affecting many people and families around the world. It has been proven that 60% of mass shooters have mental illnesses. The past 2 years there have been 461 mass shootings.

One of the worst mass shootings, on record, was in 1949 on September 6 Labor Day. The "Walk of Death" happened 13 people died and 3 more where injured. Howard Unruh had been planning there deaths for years ,and days in advance of the shooting he walked into a sporting good store and bought a 9mm pistol (luger 908) for \$37.50. If stricter gun laws were around then maybe the victims would have lived longer lives.

The definition of a mass shooting is where 3 casualties must have happened.

There have been 2,057 killed in mass shootings since 2013.

Proposal for Action: We want to make sure that people who want a gun cant just go into a store and buy a one that they have to go through a multistep process. We think that every person who wants a gun would need to go through a therapy session to see if they are mentally stable to even own a gun. And people who currently own a gun are registered so we will send a note though the mail saying that they will need to schedule a therapy session. If they do not schedule a appointment they will be fined \$200, and if they do not compli after they got fined then we will confestgate their guns. Also if they show any evidence or have any history of domestic abuse they must also surrender their guns.

Results to be Expected:

Less gun violence

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STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

Title or Purpose

Our goal is to limit abductions in Texas that are caused by social media.

Major Area(s) to be Affected

McKinney, Austin, Dallas, and San Antonio are the cities to be first affected, then we will expand to more cities and eventually Texas, the United States.

Justification

94 percent of American teens that have phones and go online daily. Studies show that 76 percent of American teens use Instagram. 75 percent use Snapchat and 66 percent use Facebook. 89 percent of teens have smartphones.

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2017/04/170421113306.htm>

The problem is that too many teens/kids are getting kidnapped due to social media. Also there are being too many location leakings over social media. Not only does social media show where you are but it shows where you aren't. EX: If parents left their house with kids home alone and they had location sharing on people would be able to see they left their house. If the children have it on, people would be able to see that they were home but the parents weren't so the children wouldn't be safe.

Proposal for Action

It is illegal if an app has an option where the person on the receiving end **always** knows where the sender is which could lead to kidnappings. You might say that location sharing would help the rescuers could help find the person that got kidnapped but if location sharing wasn't a thing then they wouldn't be in the situation anyway. We want to focus the device giving out location and an app. Our main goal is that a person can share out their **current** location but the receiver will not **always** know where they are. We want to make it mandatory that apps and devices have a setting that parents can see the kids location but every time you check in on your kid you have to enter a the child's name and a 4 digit pin and it is illegal for the app to save the pin. There would be a commercial every month to remind and teach parents and kids the importance of being safe on social media. With the combination with these rules, we hope this is past and that no more kids are kidnapped in the following years.

Results to be Expected

We should have more kids being safe on the internet (and adults). There should be a reduced number of kidnappings and the internet should be more secure. The Country's internet should be a lot safer.

<https://www.parentmap.com/article/kidnappers-kids-photos-digital-kidnapping-social-media>

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YMCA: Imagine International Academy of North Texas
City: Dallas

Proposal #3

STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

1. **Title or Purpose:**

2. Converting to Metric System

3. **Major Area to be Affected:**

4. All residents of Texas

5. **Justification:**

6. Converting to the metric system would be very beneficial to our state. 96% of the
7. world's population uses the metric system. It would be easier for scientists, doctors, and
8. companies to easily communicate with others from the countries which use the metric
9. system. It becomes very expensive to convert into metric from customary. Incorrect
10. measurements can cost millions of dollars. According to NASA, in 1999, they spent \$125
11. million on the Mars Climate Orbiter, but it crashed because the engineers failed to make
12. a conversion of customary units to metric. If we, Texas, would convert to the metric
13. system we could save millions of dollars and the calculations would be easier.

14. The metric system was intentionally created to be simple. The metric system uses a
15. decimal system of weights and measures. One must simply multiply or divide by a factor
16. of 10. The system that the United States uses, the customary system, is very complex
17. and requires everybody to memorize the measurements. For example, there are 5,280
18. feet in a mile. Metric system just requires us to memorize the order of the units from
19. biggest to smallest. An easy way to remember metric is : King(kilo) Henry(hecto)
20. Doesn't(deca) Usually(unit which is meter) Drink(dec) Chocolate(centi) Milk(milli).

21. **Proposal for Action:**

22. In Canada, the metric system was legal since 1873, but nobody, except for the
23. scientific community, had really used it until an order was made in 1971 by the Metric
24. Commission Canada. Also with a law made in 1976 requiring pre-packed food products to
25. have their mass and volume in metric units, it helped make the metric system used in
26. Canada. I propose that Texas should pass laws, like Canada, to slowly turn Texas into
27. metric. The U.S. had actually made a law in 1975 to convert to metric, but it failed
28. because it was voluntary. I propose that there should be a law that would be passed to
29. make all products to have all their measurements in metric and make it required for
30. schools to use the metric system. Also this law would be mandated and have a deadline
31. of 5 years to convert everything into the metric system. We will also have a dual-system,
32. meaning that during the conversion, everything will have measurements in metric and
33. customary so the residents of Texas can get used to this. Along with the law, we have to
34. teach, persuade, and campaign the metric system to the residents of Texas. Usually,
35. companies have to make 2 types of products: one for abroad and one for here, so by
36. converting we would not have to do that. We already use the metric system in many
37. things, so it won't be as hard as we would all think it would be.

38. **Results to be Expected:**

39. Many residents will like as well as dislike this law, so we will have to convince them that
40. the metric system is easier and better. We already use metric measurements in runs and
41. races, food products, medicine, manufacturing and engineering industries. We would be
42. able to communicate with other countries better. This would save us time and money.
43. Schools will slowly start to use the metric system more and since we already have it in
44. our curriculum, it will make it easier on the students to convert to metric. In short term,
45. this can be expensive, but in the long run, it will be beneficial to everyone in Texas. As
46. time goes by, our residents will adjust. By converting to the metric system, we can limit
47. our spending as a state and be able to communicate and collaborate better with other
48. countries. Texas can lead the way and be the first all-metric state in the U.S.

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YMCA: McKinney YMCA **City:** McKinney, Texas

Proposal #5

STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

1. **Title or Purpose:** Increasing Water Accessibility in Lacking Areas of Texas.

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3. **Major Area to be Affected:** Areas in Texas with lacking amounts of purified water.

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5. **Justification:** According to data from the American Community Survey, as of 2004,
6. 25,000 Texans lack safe, drinking water. As stated in www.harvesthzo.com, using
7. filtered rainwater and humid air could save the environment, and the expenses that
8. are used for the transportation and treatment of water currently can be put into better
9. use by constructing a filtration system. According to www.popularmechanics.com, lack
10. of clean water is the leading cause of cholera and other diseases that cause diarrhea.
11. Disinfection or purification kills contaminants and removes harmful substances that
12. may be present in the dirty water. For example, at the edge of the Atacama Desert,
13. Lima, Peru, receives almost no rainfall being one of the driest places on Earth. Around
14. 700,000 people have no access to clean water for drinking or bathing. However, Lima's
15. Pacific Coast location receives humidity of more than 90 percent on summer days,
16. from December to February. So engineers from Peru's University of Engineering and
17. Technology, UTEC, came up with a way to turn that humid air into usable water. Last
18. December, they erected a billboard in the Bujama District of Lima that had produced
19. about 2,500 gallons of water by early March. Electricity from the power lines run five
20. condensers inside the billboard. UTEC has not announced whether the water will be
21. available for free, but the billboard costs only about \$1200 to install.

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23. **Proposal for Action:** Just like the engineers turned humidity and rainfall into clean
24. drinking water, we believe, by adding more of the systems around Texas would greatly
25. decrease the number of Texans who lack the privilege of clean water. On average,
26. Texas receives around 82 percent humidity in the summer. The system generates
27. water by the process of reverse-osmosis purification, the water flows down into a
28. storage tank at the base of the billboard. A simple faucet gives local residents access
29. to the water.

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31. **Results to be Expected:** If more of these water systems were constructed, then we
32. can decrease the number of people who have a shortage of water in specific areas, and
33. everyone will receive uncontaminated water. By using rainfall water and humidity, we
34. will also be helping our environment by recycling water. This solution will increase
35. water accessibility in lacking areas of Texas.

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YMCA: Middle School
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City: Dallas

STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

1. **Title or Purpose:**

2. Expanding LGBTQ rights and community in Texas

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4. **Major Area to be Affected:**

5. Texas Citizens

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7. **Justification:**

8. There are many ideas to insult any gender possible but the gender affected in the Texas
9. community are Gays. Many people refused to allow gays into other places, like some
10. bakeries and sometimes their own place, which their parents might not accept them.
11. Gays sometimes they might take their own lives because they feel uncomfortable and
12. offended by the way many people make fun of them. Sadly, many people start being
13. gay when they date people of their own gender, sometimes at a young age, and it is
14. dangerous. Gays also struggle in getting a job because many employers feel like if they
15. are bullies and it's sad to see may being bullied. Most gays might be forced to "spill the
16. beans" to their lovers because they are gay.

17. **Proposal for Action:**

18. We would like to help stand by Gays, despite if we don't like them, it shouldn't mean we
19. refuse to respect them but to support, even if we're not gay, because we are just
20. humans, we are people and that's how we treat other people. But we wanted Gays to
21. have the same rights as we all do and make a right that all people, including gays and
22. minorities, should be treated right and whoever disrespects them should get a fine of
23. around \$100 and if something happens to gays, law enforcement might help deal with
24. the sexists and bullies and if there was violence, the police might arrest them away from
25. gays just in order to keep from harm and jobs should be able to hire them if they are
26. qualified for education.

27. **Results to be Expected:**

28. People might have a change of heart when dealing with the "gay situation." And that
29. more people might start respect them and we may have a reduced percentage in
30. suicide-related deaths in gay people and might help gays have jobs along with many
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YMCA: Oak Cliff

YMCA: Kennemer Middle School

Proposal # 20

STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

1. **Title or Purpose:**

2. Banning for profit-prisons
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4. **Major Area to be Affected:**

5. Texas private prisons
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7. **Justification:**

8. (A) Prisons cost Texas taxpayers \$50.79 per inmate per day, estimating to 695,416 per prisoner.
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10 (B) Approximately **7 percent** of state prisoners and **18 percent** of federal
11 prisoners in 2015.
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13 (C) State prison population has grown 700% nationwide since the 1970s.
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15 (D) The prisoner total rounds up to about 13,692
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19 **Proposal for Action:**

20 all private prisons will be forced to be shut down and taxpayers won't need to waste the
21 tax money for these prisons. This will also lower the amount of tax money paid per
22 year.
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35 **Results to be Expected:**

36 The tax money won't have to be paid anymore. Also the prisons would be shut down.
37 All the private prisoners will be sent to public prisons. The private prison conditions are
38 horrible.
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Proposal #24

STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

1. **Title or Purpose:**

2. CON – School-To-Prison Pipeline

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5. **Major Area to be Affected:**

6. Students, School Districts, Juvenile Criminal Justice Systems

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8. **Justification:**

9. Zero tolerance is not fair for everyone.

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11. Definitions:

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13. School-to-prison pipeline: The practice of pushing kids out of school and toward the
14. juvenile and criminal justice systems.

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16. Zero-Tolerance policy: A school has zero tolerance for any kind of misbehavior or
17. violation of school rules, no matter how minor, unintentional, or subjectively defined it
18. may be. In a school with a zero-tolerance policy, suspensions and expulsions are normal
19. and common ways of dealing with student misbehavior.

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22. **Proposal for Action:**

23. The zero-tolerance policy should be changed to apply only when the law is broken.

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32. **Results to be Expected:**

33. Less students will be going to prison.

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TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT

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YMCA: Oak Cliff YMCA City: Dallas Grade: 6th Grade

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**A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act that places safes at populated bus stops and (or) parks and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

Section I. DEFINITIONS:

Theft – The action or crime of stealing

Safe – a cabinet with a complex lock used to store valuables

Section II. PROVISIONS:

Government will place safes across the nation at highly populated bus stops and (or) parks.

Funding will come from the American Security Group

Section III. PENALTIES:

If safe is broken, damaged or somehow stolen, a \$1,500 fine will be charged to the suspect.

Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:

The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended.



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School: Kennemer Middle

Proposed #21

STATE AFFAIRS FORUM PROPOSAL

1. **Title or Purpose:**

2. Human trafficking

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4. **Major Area to be Affected:**

5. Texas

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7. **Justification:**

8. (A) Human trafficking in Texas is the illegal trade of human beings as it occurs in the
9. state of Texas. It is a modern-day form of slavery and usually involves sexual
10. interaction with children or adults for money.

11. (B) In Irving, Texas, a teenager was charged with human trafficking and prostitution
12. after police discovered that he had drugged a fellow classmate and held her for three
13. days while he sold her to several men for money and drugs in exchange for sex.

14. (C) There are more than 300,000 victims of human trafficking in Texas, including
15. 79,000 minors and youth victims.

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21. **Proposal for Action:**

22. We should have cops pull over suspicious cars and have parents inform their kids and
23. themselves of self-defense classes such as boxing and jujitsu. Adults should be able to
24. arm themselves with registered weapons.

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35. **Results to be Expected:**

36. Our results to be expected are to lower the trafficking rate, and missing children rate.
37. Therefor the human trafficking rate will go down 10% of the original rate.

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State Capitol, Austin, TX

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