

**A Resolution to Urge Increased Federal  
Investment in Clean Drinking Water  
Infrastructure**

1. **WHEREAS**, Safe, clean drinking water is one of the most basic needs  
2. of every person, yet millions of Americans still receive water  
3. through aging or damaged pipes that can carry harmful  
4. contaminants; and

5. **WHEREAS**, Children are especially vulnerable to the health effects  
6. of contaminated water, including lead, which can cause serious  
7. developmental harm; and

8. **WHEREAS**, Updating water infrastructure protects public health,  
9. supports local economies, and ensures that all Americans have  
10. access to one of life's most essential resources; now,  
11. therefore, be it

12. **RESOLVED**, By this Congress that the United States reaffirms its  
13. commitment to ensuring clean and safe drinking water for all  
14. Americans and urges accelerated federal investment in water  
15. infrastructure repair and replacement; and, be it

16. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, That Congress encourages the Environmental  
17. Protection Agency to prioritize communities with the oldest  
18. infrastructure and the highest rates of contamination when  
19. distributing federal water improvement funds.

20. Introduced for Congressional Debate by NOF

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A Resolution to Create a National School Garden  
Program**

1. **WHEREAS**, Many children in the United States have limited knowledge
2. of where their food comes from or how plants grow; and
3. **WHEREAS**, School gardens have been shown to improve student
4. engagement, teach science concepts, and encourage healthier
5. eating habits; and
6. **WHEREAS**, A nationally supported program would ensure that students
7. in all communities, including low-income areas, have equal access
8. to garden-based learning; now, therefore, be it
9. **RESOLVED**, The federal government shall establish a National School
10. Garden Program to fund the creation and maintenance of gardens
11. at public schools nationwide; and
12. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, Schools participating in the program shall
13. integrate garden activities into at least one science or health
14. lesson per week.
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National Animal Shelter Spay and Neuter Support  
Act**

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

2. **Section 1** The federal government shall establish a National Animal  
3. Shelter Spay and Neuter Grant Program to fund spay and neuter  
4. services at animal shelters across the United States, with the  
5. goal of reducing animal overpopulation and the number of animals  
6. that cannot find homes.

7. **Section 2** For the purposes of this bill, "eligible shelters" shall  
8. include any nonprofit or government-operated animal shelter or  
9. rescue organization that accepts stray, surrendered, or abandoned  
10. animals and operates within the United States.

11. **Section 3** The National Animal Shelter Spay and Neuter Grant  
12. Program shall be funded at no less than two hundred fifty  
13. million dollars annually, appropriated by Congress and  
14. administered by the Department of Agriculture. Grant funding  
15. shall be distributed to eligible shelters on a competitive  
16. basis, with priority given to shelters in communities with the  
17. highest documented rates of animal overpopulation, stray animal  
18. intake, and euthanasia due to overcrowding.

19. **Section 4** Shelters receiving funding under this bill shall offer  
20. spay and neuter services at no cost to pet owners who  
21. demonstrate financial need, and at reduced cost to all other pet  
22. owners, within one year of receiving a grant.

23. **Section 5** The Department of Agriculture shall conduct annual  
24. audits of shelters receiving federal funds to ensure compliance  
25. with the requirements of this bill and may revoke funding from  
26. shelters found to be in violation. The Department of Agriculture  
27. shall report to Congress every two years on the program's  
28. impact, including data on shelter intake rates, euthanasia

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30. participating shelters nationwide.

31. **Section 6** This bill shall take effect one year after its passage.

32. All laws and regulations in conflict with this bill are hereby

33. declared null and void.

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