

A Resolution to Reform the United States Prison System (L3)

1 **WHEREAS,** The United States has the highest prison population and highest recidivism rate in the world; and

2 **WHEREAS,** More convicts return to Unites States prison with crimes of the same level or worse; and

3 **WHEREAS,** The United States wastes billions of dollars every year in order to house repeat offenders instead of
4 preventing them from ending up in prison again; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Prisons are currently over populated; now, therefore,

6 **BE IT RESOLVED** By this student congress here assembled that: the United States shall add a funding of
7 seventy-five million dollars to the federal prison budget to t be used in the rehabilitation of prisoners. If privatized
8 prisons desire to become federal prisons, they must have a rehabilitation program already in place.

9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**

- 10 1. The prison system shall assign \$27.5 million of this federal funding to rehabilitation programs in order to
11 reduce prison population and recidivism rates.
- 12 2. The prisons shall assign \$37.5 million to create a nation-wide standard rehabilitation program.
- 13 3. The remaining \$10 million shall be used to improve current prison conditions.

Respectfully submitted,

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