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

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

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

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

1. The prison system shall assign $27.5 million of this federal funding to rehabilitation programs in order to reduce prison population and recidivism rates.

2. The prisons shall assign $37.5 million to create a nation-wide standard rehabilitation program.

3. The remaining $10 million shall be used to improve current prison conditions.

Respectfully submitted,

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