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10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION**  
20 **GRANTING THE PRESIDENT LINE ITEM VETO POWER**

30 **WHEREAS:** Federal Legislation is multi-issued often including appropriations separate from the  
40 bill's stated purpose; and,

50 **WHEREAS:** Congress did grant Line Item Veto Power to President Clinton when it passed the  
60 Line Item Veto Act of 1996 in order to reduce government waste; and,

70 **WHEREAS:** The Line Item Veto Act of 1996 was deemed unconstitutional by the United States  
80 Supreme Court; and,

90 **WHEREAS:** The current National Debt is over \$10 trillion and growing; and,

100 **WHEREAS:** Pork barrel projects are able to pass through Congress without consideration under  
110 the cover of vital and important legislation; and,

120 **WHEREAS:** It is imperative to reduce the number of special interest and pork barrel projects paid  
130 for by national tax payers; and,

140 **WHEREAS:** Line Item Veto power would give the President the ability to cut waste out of  
150 important bills; and,

160 **WHEREAS:** A President may agree with important legislation, but cannot sign it into law based  
170 on particular elements.

180 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** The Maryland Student Legislature urges the United States to  
190 pass an Amendment to the Constitution granting the President Line Item Veto power.

200 **MANDATES:** George W Bush, President  
210 Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House  
220 Harry Reid, Senate Majority Leader  
230 Mitch McConnell, Senate Minority Leader  
240 Steny Hoyer, House Majority Leader  
250 John Boehner, House Minority Leader

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