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My vision for North Carolina Council is to not only survive next year, but to thrive. I want NCC to have meaningful and realistic stand up goals. I want to create an initiative where members know what the ISF is and are encouraged to raise money for it. I want to provide a resource for Gizborim all over NCC to use when creating fundraisers, programs, and other important initiatives. I want stand-up causes to allow members to have an impactful and educational experience. I want North Carolina Council to continue to thrive thought the international order.

ISF awareness needs to be implemented more throughout our regions. Chapters need to advise members about Scholarships for conventions, Game Changer Grants, and other BBYO money saving initiatives. No one should have a limited BBYO experience due to their financial situations. As a way to promote ISF, there will be incentives, such as free BBYO swag and social media shout outs.

The Globalization is an important aspect in our international order. As a council, we have a pen-pal program with our sister country zaporizhia ukraine. This pen-pal system can be exaggerated by involving FaceTimes, care packages, and social media in ways of communication. We can even strive to bring some teens that are specifically in the pen-pal program to regionals, so they may meet the people that they have been talking to via pen-pal. We should extend our knowledge of Ukraine, and other countries, but having globalization programs on a chapter level. By having Gizborim run globalization programming, members will be engaged, have fun, and learn more about other areas of the world.

In addition to this, I would also like to create a Gizborim resource center. This would be similar to a program-bank, except surrounding gizborim and their needs. There will be outlines of how to ask people for money, example programs, creative fundraising ideas, lists of what companies are willing hold fundraisers in each city, and more. This website will provide an amazing resource to teens all over NCC. Chapter Gizborim will be able to better understand what they are supposed to do, for the website will provide examples and explanations. There will even be umbrella programming ideas based off of our regional stand up cause. This resource will be especially beneficial to second term Gizborim, who are unable to attend Execs the summer before their term.

While entering our 29th year, the journey of NCC BBG is nowhere near ending. These simple steps would create a much more efficient and successful council. By having more ISF awareness, members who have less money are able to still gain a full BBYO experience. By expanding our globalization, we can truly understand what it means to be in an international order. By providing a network for the Gizborim across our council goals of our chapters will grow tremendously. The journey of North Carolina Council is continuing, so join me as we take a step forward into our future.