Three Problems. One Proposal.
Problem 1:

Job Losses
GREENVILLE
CITY LIMIT

STATE HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONS
BOYS WRESTLING 2008
Problem 1: Job Losses

Between 2001 and 2010, 50,000 U.S. factories closed.
Problem 2: Climate Change

THE HILL
Major report warns climate change could raise temperatures by 10 degrees

The New York Times
January 8, 2013
Not Even Close: 2012 Was Hottest Ever in U.S.

Bloomberg Businessweek
IT'S GLOBAL WARMING, STUPID
Problem 3: Congressional Gridlock

Daily Bulletin
New Congress, same gridlock?

Roll Call
Congressional Agenda Forecast: More Gridlock

Reuters
Analysis: In era of gridlock, Congress "created a monster"

The Spokesman-Review
Gridlock in Congress a hot debate topic
Gridlock = terrible approval ratings

- Congress viewed as worse than:
- Lice, cockroaches
- Root canals
- France!
- Donald Trump, and ...
- Nickelback
- Good news: better than gonorrhea and meth labs!

- Source: PPP Polling, Jan 8, 2013
What Obama Administration policy caused major policy changes in states across the country?
A Modest Proposal

A Clean Energy Jobs Race to the Top
Benefits

• Respects the states and federalism
• Opt-in
• R and D governors will love it
• Busts through NIMBY & special interest hurdles
• Fosters innovation at the state level
Requirements

• Funding Pot: $4.5 B
• Price of entry into competition?
  • State CES of 80% by 2035
States receive bonus points for:
  • SWOT analysis
  • Biz and Education Partnerships
  • Supply and Demand Strategies
  • Regional Partnerships
• # Jobs Created
How to Pay For It

Two ideas

1. Foundations/challenge

2. Repatriation of offshore funds to capitalize clean energy bank
Conclusion:

Distributed Generation of Energy Policy
It doesn’t have to be like this
It can be like this!