#### Text – The United States federal government should initiate an environmental impact assessment regarding the consequences of

#### [YOUR AFF HERE IN PRESENT TENSE]

#### and adopt such a measure if, and only if, it meets compliance requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act.

#### It competes-

#### “resolved” means “to make a firm decision”,

#### “should” is “used to imply obligation or duty”

(American Heritage Dictionary at dictionary.com)

#### Environmental assessments are key to maintain US environmental leadership

Purvis 03 (Nigel is a Nonresident Senior Fellow in Foreign Policy at the Brookings Institute, “Greening U.S. Foreign Aid through the Millennium Challenge Account” June 2003, [www.brookings.edu/research/papers/2003/06/energy-purvis](http://www.brookings.edu/research/papers/2003/06/energy-purvis))

Importantly, both the … own environmental assessments.

#### Environmental leadership checks extinction – it’s key to warming, biodiversity, oceans, soil, and the atmosphere

Khosla 09 (Ashok Khosla, International Union for Conservation of Nature President, 1/27/09, “A new President for the United States: We have a dream”)

A rejuvenated America, … transport systems.