### Contention 1: Marine Highways

#### Expanding MTS is vital to US global trade leadership

Kiefer et al 2K – principal investigator for Planning and Management Consultants– study authorized by Section 401 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999, report to the US Army Corps of Engineers (Jack, Planning and Management Consultants, “The National Dredging Needs Study of Ports and Harbors Implications to Cost-Sharing of Federal Deep Draft Navigation Projects Due to Changes in the Maritime Industry”, May 2000, <http://www.iwr.usace.army.mil/docs/iwrreports/00-R-8.pdf>) CB

#### The impact is reverse casual – governmental failure to invest in MTS collapses trade leadership

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#### Only a federal investment can solve trade leadership

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#### Lack of trade leadership causes protectionism and mercantilism

Lincicome ‘12 (Scott Lincicome is an international trade attorney with White & Case, LLP. He has extensive experience in trade litigation before with the United States Department of Commerce, the US International Trade Commission (ITC), served as a senior trade policy adviser for Senator John McCain’s Presidential campaign, former researcher for the CATO Institute, “Is Missing American Trade Leadership Beginning to Bear Protectionist Fruit?” June 12, 2012, http://lincicome.blogspot.com/2012/06/is-missing-american-trade-leadership.html, RS)

#### Mercantilism destroys globalization and increases international conflict

Posen ‘09 (Adam Posen, Deputy director and senior fellow of the Peterson Institute for International Economics, “Economic leadership beyond the crisis,” http://clients.squareeye.com/uploads/foresight/documents/PN%20USA\_FINAL\_LR\_1.pdf)

#### Protectionism will cause terrorism, resource war, genocide, rogue nations, and WW3 – risks extinction (because of China becoming mad at Taiwan, Iran overtly colonizing, and terrorists thinking they can get away with stuff because the US is growing weaker)

Panzner ‘08 (Michael J. Panzner, faculty at the New York Institute of Finance, 25-year veteran of the global stock, bond, and currency markets who has worked in New York and London for HSBC, Soros Funds, ABN Amro, Dresdner Bank, and JPMorgan Chase (Michael, “Financial Armageddon: Protect Your Future from Economic Collapse,” p. 136-138)

#### Even if they win free trade is bad, collapse of international trade causes blocks which exacerbate the impact.

Cooke ‘09 – trade unionist, writer for Workers Action, frequent contributor to Global Research (Shamus, 11-15, “What Is At Stake With Free Trade”, <http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=viewArticle&code=COO20091115&articleId=16096>, RG)

#### Free trade creates structural disincentives for war and deters terrorism

Griswold ‘11 (Daniel Griswold is director of the Center for Trade Policy Studies at the Cato Institute and author of Mad about Trade: Why Main Street America Should Embrace Globalization. “Free Trade and the Global Middle Class,” Hayek Society Journal Vol. 9 [http://www.cato.org/pubs/articles/Hayek-Society-Journal-Griswold.pdf Accessed 6/30/12](http://www.cato.org/pubs/articles/Hayek-Society-Journal-Griswold.pdf%20Accessed%206/30/12) BJM)

#### U.S. agricultural competitiveness decreasing now. Exports are critical to maintain competitiveness.

Kagochi ‘07 – doctor of philosophy, A Dissertation Submitted to the Graduate Faculty of Auburn University (“EVALUATING THE COMPETITIVENESS OF US AGRICULTURAL MARKET COMMODITIES”, 8/04/07, <http://etd.auburn.edu/etd/bitstream/handle/10415/1382/KAGOCHI_JOHN_16.pdf?sequence=1>)//MK

#### Investment in MTS sustains US agricultural exports

Khachatryan and Casavant ‘11—Research Associate and Director/Professor at the Freight Policy Transportation Institute at the School of Economic Sciences at Washington State University (Hayk and Ken, THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN U.S. TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

IMPROVEMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE, http://wstc.wa.gov/Meetings/AgendasMinutes/agendas/2011/July19-20/documents/11\_0719\_BP5\_FPTIInfrastTrdPolicyRept.pdf, EL)

#### The collapse of U.S. agricultural exports turns every impact and makes extinction inevitable

Lugar ‘04 – U.S. Senator – Indiana, (Richard, “Plant Power” Our Planet v. 14 n. 3, http://www.unep.org/OurPlanet/imgversn/143/lugar.html

#### Starvation triggers genocidal war—comparatively worse than nuclear war

Trudell ‘05- Trudell,  J.D. Candidate 2006, 05 (Robert H., Fall, Food Security Emergencies And The Power Of Eminent Domain: A Domestic Legal Tool To Treat A Global Problem, 33 Syracuse J. Int'l L. & Com. 277, Lexis)

#### MTS critical to maintain US agricultural competitiveness.

IWR ‘12 – Institute for Water Resources (“U.S. Port and Inland Waterways Modernization: Preparing for Post-Panamax Vessels”, Institute for Water Resources, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, June 20, 2012, <http://www.iwr.usace.army.mil/docs/portswaterways/rpt/June_20_U.S._Port_and_Inland_Waterways_Preparing_for_Post_Panamax_Vessels.pdf)//MM>

### Contention 2: Trafficking

#### Seaports are used as vital conduits for drug trafficking

#### Eski ‘11 (Yarin, Ph.D. candidate at Glasgow University, Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research, “Port of Call: Towards a Criminology of Port Security”, <http://crj.sagepub.com/content/early/2011/07/16/1748895811414593.full.pdf> Specifically cocaine is being sneaked in

McGlone ‘07 (Tim, “Drug Ring Raises Concerns About U.S. Port Security”, The Virginian Pilot, January 27, <http://hamptonroads.com/node/213521>)

#### First, cocaine traffic into the U.S. decimates the Amazon

Hirsch ‘02 (Tim, BBC Correspondent, “Cocaine Industry Killing Rainforest”, <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/2384303.stm>)

#### Amazon destruction leads to widespread famine and triggers a thermonuclear war – causes extinction.

Takacs ’96 (David Takacs, Professor of Environmental Humanities @ the Institute for Earth Systems Science and Policy @ California State University-Monterey Bay, 1996, The Idea of Biodiversity: Philosophies of Paradise, p. 200-1, http://www.dhushara.com/book/diversit/restor/takacs.htm, ACC: 2.15.08, p. online)

#### Second, Colombian rainforests are key to overall biodiversity AND cocaine production is the biggest threat to their survival

Doward ‘09 (Janie, Staff Writer, the Observer and the Guardian, “Columbia’s Endangered Species at the Mercy of Jungle Drug Cartels”, October 25,<http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2009/oct/25/colombia-endangered-species-cocaine>)

#### Extinction

Diner ’94 [David N. Diner 1994, Judge Advocate’s General’s Corps of US Army, Military Law Review, Winter, 143 Mil. L. Rev. 161, l/n, David N.]

#### Third, cocaine revenues maintain Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia fighting capability and destabilize the region

Chalk ‘11 (Peter, Senior Political Scientist at RAND, “The Latin American Drug Trade: Scope, Dimensions, Impact and Response”, RAND, http://www.rand.org/content/dam/rand/pubs/monographs/2011/RAND\_MG1076.pdf)

#### Latin American instability causes global war

Manwaring ’05 – Manwaring, General Douglas MacArthur Chair and Professor of Military Strategy at the U.S. Army War College and Adjunct Professor of International Politics at Dickinson College, ‘5 (Max, October, Venezuela’s Hugo Chavez, Bolivarian Socialism, and Asymmetric Warfare, [www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pdffiles/PUB628.pdf](http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pdffiles/PUB628.pdf))

#### Seaports are vital conduits for criminal networks that force humans into sex trafficking – leads to dehumanization

Eski ‘11 (Yarin, Ph.D. candidate at Glasgow University, Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research, “Port of Call: Towards a Criminology of Port Security”, <http://crj.sagepub.com/content/early/2011/07/16/1748895811414593.full.pdf>)

#### Human trafficking into the United States is running rampant – enforcement measures have been completely inadequate – that’s slavery – reject it

Seaport ‘10 – Sovereign Market. Seaport Security News |. "U.S. Port Security Is A Global Issue." Seaport Security News |. Sovereign Market, 23 Nov. 2010. Web. 22 June 2012. <http://www.seaportsecuritynews.com/?p=212>.

#### Sex trafficking is the ultimate form of dehumanization

DeMarco ‘07 (Caitlin, intern in the Ronald Reagan Memorial Internship Program at Concerned Women for America Jul 12, <http://www.cwfa.org/articles/13418/BLI/dotcommentary/index.htm>)

**\*\*Gendered rhetoric not endorsed nor modified**

#### Dehumanization controls genocide, slavery, and exploitation

Katz ’97 (Katheryn Katz, Professor of Law, 1997, "The Clonal Child: Procreative Liberty and Asexual Reproduction," Lexis-Nexis)

#### Investment in MTS is key to stop the trafficking of people and drugs

AAPA ‘10 – AAPA. "10 Years After 9/11, Security Still a Top Priority of U.S. Ports." -- ALEXANDRIA, Va., Sept. 1, 2011 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ --. American Association of Port Authorities, 1 Sept. 2011. Web. 24 June 2012. <http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/10-years-after-911-security-still-a-top-priority-of-us-ports-128888213.html>.

### Plan

#### The United States federal government ought to substantially increase its investment in the Marine Transportation System.

### Contention 3: Solvency

#### The plan is inevitable, but now is key to solve impacts.

Offutt ‘11 (Steve Offut is an environmental scientist and counselor, 6/15/11, “[When the Mississippi River Finally Wins. Let's Start Planning.](http://www.steveoffutt.com/2011/06/when-mississippi-river-finally-wins.html)”, <http://www.steveoffutt.com/2011/06/when-mississippi-river-finally-wins.html>)

#### Your disads are non-unique—the status quo grants minor funding to maritime transport now

Barry ‘10—Wired Contributor (Keith, “DOT to Turn Underused Waterways Into Marine Highways”, July 23, 2010, http://www.wired.com/autopia/2010/07/dot-turns-underused-waterways-into-marine-highways/)//NJain

#### \*\*The federal government is key for multiple reasons:

#### A. Best solves the expansion of Marine Highways

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#### B. Leverages private investment and reduces congestion

Cook ‘11 — former General Counsel of the Maritime Administration, Counsel to Seward and Kissel LLP (H. Clayton, “Dead in the Water”, Maritime Executive, 7/8/2012, http://www.maritime-executive.com/article/dead-in-the-water, Deech)

#### C. Has Jurisdiction and key to Leadership

AAPA ‘11 – AAPA represents 160 of the leading seaport authorities in the United States, Canada, Latin America and the Caribbean and more than 300 sustaining and associate members, firms and individuals with an interest in seaports (American Association of Port Authorities, “The U.S. Government’s Historic Role in Developing and Maintaining Landside and Waterside Connections to Seaports”, March 2011, <http://aapa.files.cms-plus.com/PDFs/Transportation%20and%20the%20Constitution1.pdf)//GP>

#### States fail— they require the federal government for effective MTS upgrades because of interstate competition and a failure to share solutions

Puentes ‘11 – Director of Metropolitan Policy at Brookings(Robert Puentes, Senior Fellow and director of Metropolitan Policy at Brookings, former director of infrastructure at the intelligent transportation society of America, masters degree in urban planning, May 23, 2011 “Move It: How the U.S. Can Improve Transportation Policy”; http://www.brookings.edu-/research/opinions/2011/05/23transportation-policy-puentes; Brookings, Accessed June 19 2012)