### Renewable Energy Disadvantage

#### Uniqueness – Multiple issues with offshore drilling rigs of Cuba make it very likely that oil companies will not keep drilling there

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There is also Cuba's history of failed wells, which makes it hard to compete for the oil industry's interest in a world where there are many other areas with proven oil reserves…"It is going to be extremely challenging (for Cuba)," he said.

#### And, Renewable Energy is winning the investment race

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Private sector investment in the U.S. renewable energy sector has grown significantly in recent years due in large part to manufacturing and technology cost reductions, state market demand policies, and federal tax policies… Renewable energy generation also enhances energy security by harnessing clean domestic resources to produce more of the energy we consume here in the United States.

#### Link - Plan causes massive investment in Cuban Oil

**Benjamin-Alvadaro 06** (Jonathan, Report for the Cuban Research Institute, Florida International University, PhD, Professor of Political Science at University of Nebraska at Omaha, Director of the Intelligence Community Centers of Academic Excellence Program at UNO, Treasurer of the American Political Science Association, “The Current Status and Future Prospects for Oil Exploration in Cuba: A Special,” <http://cri.fiu.edu/research/commissioned-reports/oil-cuba-alvarado.pdf>)

Why is it important to clarify the current status of Cuban energy in the face of a continuing opposition by the United States to anything resembling what can be construed as “good news” for the Castro regime?.. This should serve as an obvious point of entry into cooperation with the Cuban government and perhaps can serve as a catalyst for promoting confidence, trust and cooperation in this critical issue area across the region.

#### Internal Link – Reliance on oil production crushes the transition to renewables

**CBO 12** (Congressional Budget Office, “Energy Security in the United States”, May, http://www.cbo.gov/sites/default/files/cbofiles/attachments/05-09-EnergySecurity.pdf)

Even if world oil prices declined as a result of increased U.S. production, most households and businesses would not be substantially less vulnerable to future oil disruptions, for two reasons… Thus, increased domestic production would leave the vulnerability of most consumers to disruptions in oil markets largely unchanged.38

#### Impact – Renewable Transition is critical to solve global warming

**Leahy 11** (Stephen, Independent environmental journalist for 16 years, “Permafrost Melt Soon Irreversible Without Major Fossil Fuel Cuts”, Feb 21, http://www.countercurrents.org/leahy210911.htm)

UXBRIDGE - Thawing permafrost is threatening to overwhelm attempts to keep the planet from getting too hot for human survival… We can achieve a cleaner, renewable future, but we must start now," Leape said in a statement.

#### Positive feedbacks ensure runaway warming, causes extinction

**Speth 08** [James, dean of the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies at Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut. Currently he serves the school as the Carl W. Knobloch, Jr. Dean and Sara Shallenberger Brown Professor in the Practice of Environmental Policy, The Bridge @ the Edge of the World, pg. 26]

The possibility of abrupt climate change is linked to what may be the most problematic possibility of all—"positive" feedback effects where the initial warming has effects that generate more warming… There will be no return within the lifetime of any generation that can be imagined, and the trip will exterminate a large fraction of species on the planet.

### Russia Sphere of Influence Disadvantage

#### Russia is focused on expanding into Latin America – part of its grand strategy to increase international credibility

**Sudarev 12** [Vladimir Sudarey, Doctor of Political Science, Professor of the European and American Countries’ History and Politics Department of the MGIMO University, “" Is Russia returning to Latin America?"” February 20, 2012, <http://russiancouncil.ru/en/inner/?id_4=252#top>]

Latin American region has recently been often mentioned among new priority dimensions of Russian foreign policy… In this case Latin American dimension of Russian foreign policy has all chances to make it a separate independent direction which can win Russia new beneficial partners and enhance its position in a nascent multi-polar world.

#### US encroachment makes US-Russia war inevitable

**Carpenter and Logan 09** [Carpenter, Ted Galen, and Justin Logan. "Cato Handbook for Policymakers." Relations with China, India, and Russia. CATO, 2009. Web.MA]

Few people want to return to the animosity and tensions that marked¶ relations between Washington and Moscow throughout the cold war… That expansion of the¶ alliance was nonprovocative, though, compared with the second round¶ earlier this decade that incorporated Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania, entities¶ that had been part of the Soviet Union.

#### The impact is extinction

**Bostrom 02** [Nick, Dir. Future of Humanity Institute and Prof. Philosophy – Oxford U., Journal of Evolution and Technology, “Analyzing Human Extinction Scenarios and Related Hazards”, 9, March, <http://www.nickbostrom.com/existential/risks.html>]

The first manmade existential risk was the inaugural detonation of an atomic bomb… Unfortunately, we shall see that nuclear Armageddon and comet or asteroid strikes are mere preludes to the existential risks that we will encounter in the 21st century.