### Fifty States Counterplan

#### Text: The 50 states and territories of the United States should fund substantial infrastructure improvements at Points of Entry along the United States–Mexico border.

#### State action solves – greater state initiative leads to national level policy realignment

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The trajectory toward crossborder integration and the increasing political maturity of the ten border states are the underpinnings of the term “transborder,” as we use it here and as it being use by the Border Governors Conference… Regional-national partnership is essential, both for the social and economic development of the border region, and for the strengthening of U.S.-Mexico ties.

### Protectionism Disadvantage

#### Engagement’s limited because of opposition by protectionist lobbies

**Gvosdev 12** – Nikolas K. Gvosdev, Faculty of the U.S. Naval War College and Former Editor of the National Interest, “The Realist Prism: To Reset Latin America Policy, U.S. Must Think Big”, World Politics Review, 4-20, http://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/articles/11867/the-realist-prism-to-reset-latin-america-policy-u-s-must-think-big

U.S. policy toward the Western Hemisphere has suffered a series of setbacks over the past month… Meanwhile, the unwillingness to alter the U.S. position on Cuba set the tone in Cartagena, reinforcing the perception that U.S. strategy toward the region is seen through the prism of domestic politics -- in this case Florida’s electoral votes.

#### Plan inflames domestic protectionism

**McGinnis 2K** – Professor of Law at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University, “The World Trade Constitution”, Harvard Law Review, December, 114 Harv. L. Rev. 511, Lexis

It is true that free trade does not make everyone within a nation better off, at least in the short term… Unfortunately, these sentiments can also  [\*525]  provide cover for a variety of protectionist measures, like "Buy American" and domestic-content laws, that are designed to benefit interest groups at the expense of the public. 66

#### Internal pressure would cause China bashing - causes a trade war

**Bohan 13** (Caren Bohan, journalist and the White House correspondent for the Reuters news agency. 5/29/13. "Why China-Bashing Matters". National Journal. [www.nationaljournal.com/magazine/why-china-bashing-matters-20120927](http://www.nationaljournal.com/magazine/why-china-bashing-matters-20120927))

China-bashing by U.S. presidential candidates is nothing new… “What may make it different is that if we’re in a slow economy for a protracted period of time, as seems likely, and we’re not creating jobs in the way we would like to … we could be entering a period where we’re seeing not just U.S.-China tension but we may well see much broader trade tension in the world.”

#### US/China economic ties solve nuclear war

**Landy 07** (Ben, Director of Research and Strategy – Atlantic Media Company, Publisher – The Atlantic and National Journal, 4-3, http://chinaredux.com/2007/04/03/protectionism-and-war)

The greatest threat for the 21st century is that these economic flare-ups between the US and China will not be contained, but might spill over into the realm of military aggression between these two world powers… But I have little doubt that protectionist policies on both sides greatly increase the likelihood of conflict–far more than increases in military budgets and anti-satellite tests.