

Green Jobs / Good Jobs: Investing in America

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Half Earth Catalog

The new 'sensible middle' position between global warming deniers and 'Al Gore-type extremists'.



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ALSO THE MIDDLE POSITION ON THE EARTH-IS-ROUND ARGUMENT. -



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Greening the Economy

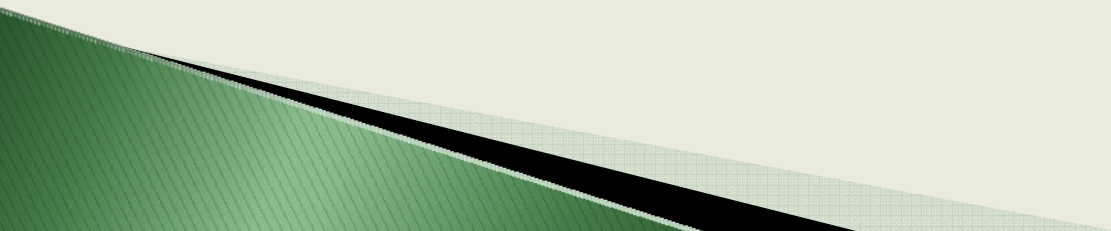
“The nation stands at the crossroads of opportunity for domestic investments in innovation, new technology and energy efficiency that will save jobs, create new jobs and new industries and revitalize American manufacturing. There is no guarantee that these will be good jobs or that the investments will be made here unless we fight to make it so.”

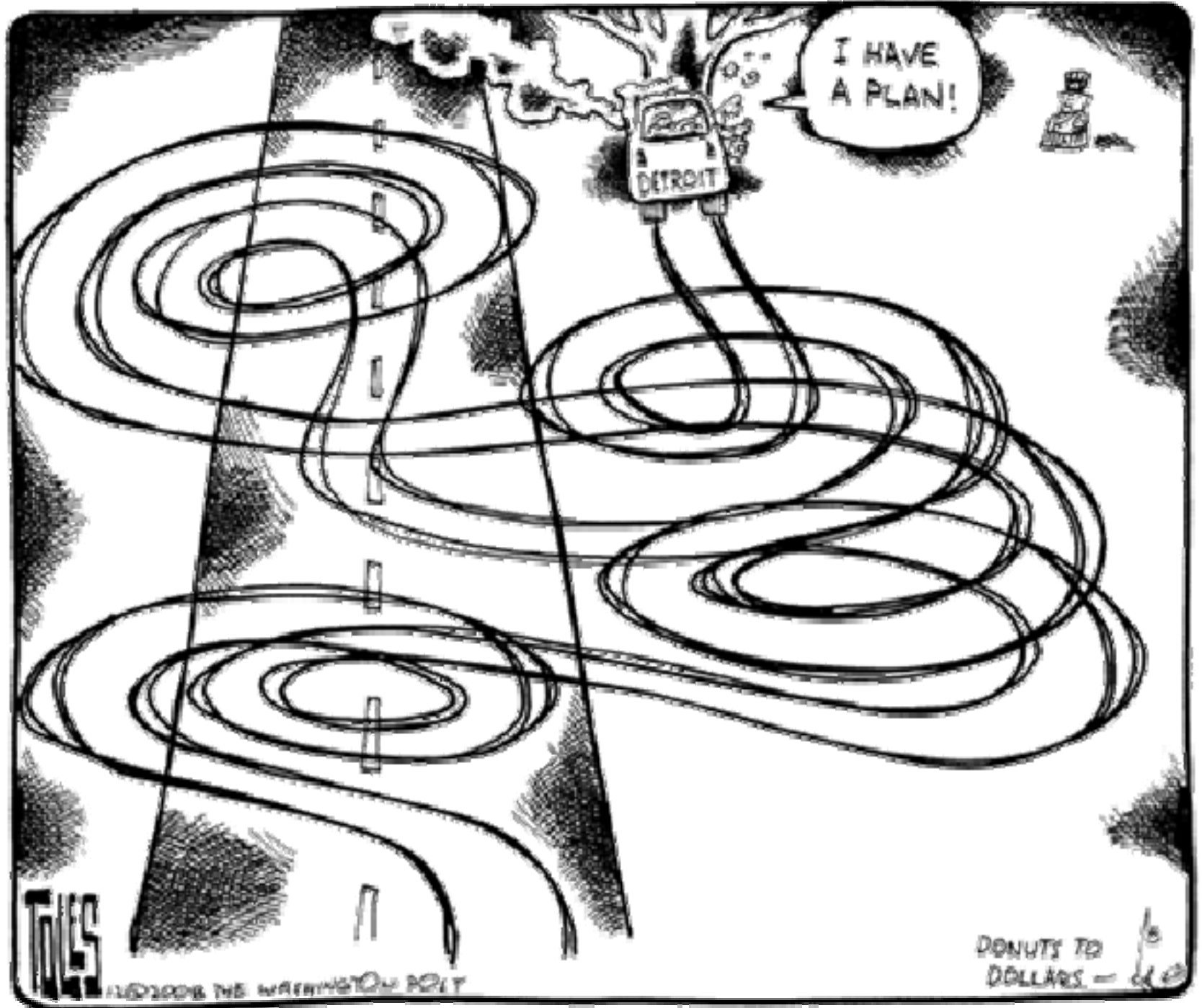
2008 AFL-CIO Executive Council Statement

Environmental Economic Development Principles

- ▶ Balanced approach, good jobs, diverse affordable energy supply
- ▶ Transparent cap and trade, workable timetables and standards, finance new technologies
- ▶ Government goals for job creation and clean environment
- ▶ Domestic investment requirements / Buy American, capture new technology for export
- ▶ Developing nations participate, investment and border adjustment mechanisms
- ▶ Assist adversely affected workers / community and low/moderate income

A Just Transition

- ▶ Workers/families must have a democratic voice in their workplaces and communities
 - ▶ Major investments to retain/create good jobs
 - Modernize industry
 - Develop and deploy technology
 - Educate and train workers
 - ▶ Assistance for workers/families/communities adversely affected
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I HAVE A PLAN!

DETROIT

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American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

\$ 80 Billion Green Investments

- ▶ \$ 11 B – Smart grid
- ▶ \$ 3.4B – Carbon capture and sequestration
- ▶ \$ 2 B – Battery initiative
- ▶ \$15 B – Fed/DOD efficiency/green bldgs.
- ▶ \$11 B – Weatherize/public housing effncy.
- ▶ \$20 B – Wind tax incentives to 2012
- ▶ \$ 8 B – Mass transit/high speed rail +
- ▶ \$ 1 B – Training green jobs/utility

- ▶ \$7,500 – tax credit plug-in hybrid cars
- ▶ \$580 M – MEP and NIST
- ▶ Investment/Industrial Policy: Buy American, Prevailing Wage

EU Domestic Investment

The EC and its member states are WTO Government Procurement Agreement members, but have exclusions are much broader than those claimed by the United States:

- o **ALL** federal and sub-federal **transportation** contracts.
- o **ALL** federal and sub-federal **telecommunications**.
- o **ALL** federal and sub-federal **energy** contracts.

Canadian Domestic Investment

Canada is a WTO Government Procurement Agreement member, but has excluded significant sectors from coverage. Canada's exclusions are much broader than those claimed by the U.S.:

ALL procurement of urban rail and urban transportation, equipment, systems, components and material incorporated therein.

ALL procurement of urban rail and urban transportation project related materials of **iron and steel**.

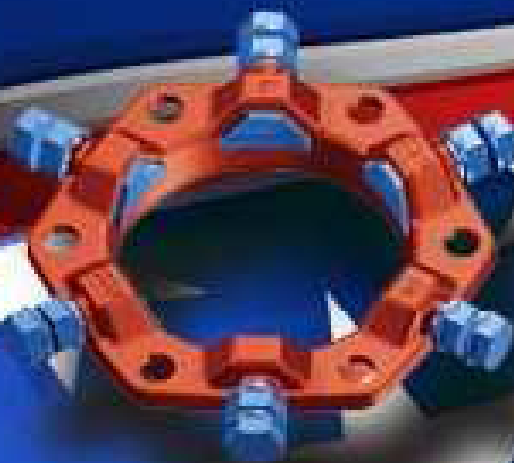
- **ALL** contracts for communications equipment.
- **ALL** Canadian province procurements of **steel**, motor vehicles, and coal.
- **ALL** construction contracts tendered on behalf of the Department of Transport.
- **ALL** procurement with respect to dredging.
- **ALL** procurement in the form of government assistance.





STAR
PIPE PRODUCTS

MADE IN THE
U.S.A.



June 15, 2009

RE: Star is now American Made!

To Our Valued Customers:

Star Pipe Products is pleased to announce our new American Made line of Waterworks Fittings and Joint Restraint Products. Due to recent provisions set forth by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), our customers asked us to develop a domestic line of products to complete their product offering. Star was happy to oblige and looks forward to a continuing, long-lasting partnership.

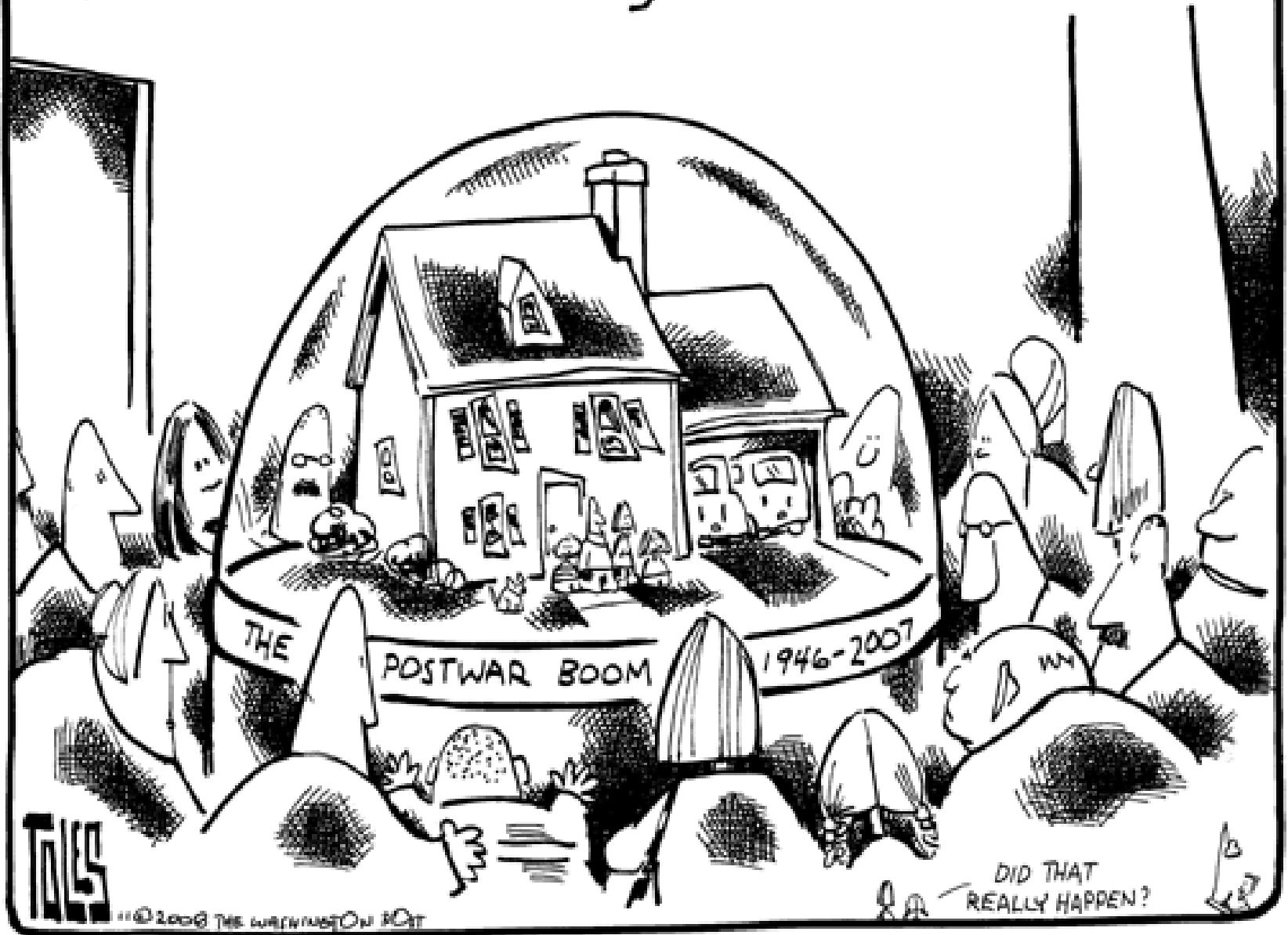
For almost 30 years, Star's goal was to be a reliable option in the waterworks industry that focused on value. Our new introduction combined with our globally sourced products will give our partners the competitive edge.

Look for our new "MADE IN THE U.S.A." inventories for Joint Restraint products to start arriving in August, and our Fitting inventories to start arriving in September.

A Learning Moment: The Texas Wind Farm Proposal



The American History Museum Reopens



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DID THAT REALLY HAPPEN?

Goal: A Cleaner Planet and Good Jobs

From Production to Construction Make It in
America

Making Green Jobs Good: Strategy and Standards

- ▶ Domestic Investment
 - ▶ Employer neutrality
 - ▶ Wage and benefit standards for manufacturing
 - ▶ Contractor/subcontractor standards: wage, health, retirement.
 - ▶ Bona fide apprenticeship/compliance with apprenticeship hiring requirements;
 - ▶ Joint labor–management partnerships, training and skills upgrade
 - ▶ Compliance w/ federal laws: labor laws, wage and hour, OSHA, anti–discrimination, environment, etc
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