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[Tonight's State of the Union \(Plus "2013 SOTU Climate Change Bingo"\)](#)

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2013 SOTU Climate Change Bingo Card

Environmental policy works around the country: it's time to order your vegan hot wings, purchase some organic beers, and don the uniform of your favorite political party (red or blue tie, of course)! Tonight is the (second) biggest television event of February: President Obama's 2013 State of the Union. Obama is set to score major points with his environmentalist fans by picking up where he left off in his discussion energy and environmental issues during his inaugural address. Can we expect a touchdown on climate change tonight?

In a [post](#) preceding President Obama's inaugural address, I discussed how, in the [2012 State of the Union](#), the President devoted about 12 percent of his speech to clean and domestic energy. In past years, environmentalists may have considered this level of attention acceptable; but the President's surprising focus on climate change in his recent [inaugural address](#) energized the environmental community and set high expectations for tonight. Among his words on the topic during the inaugural address (159 out of 2095 words-or 7.5 percent of the speech, to be precise), Obama delivered the following inspirational promise,

"We will respond to the threat of climate change, knowing that the failure to do so would betray our children and future generations."

The President's broad statements on tackling climate change appeared to be setting the stage for additional policy details to be unveiled in his State of the Union. The Guardian [reports](#) that many environmental groups expect the President to mention one or two specific actions his administration will take to address climate change. According to [Politico](#), White House aides have told green groups, "You're going to like what you hear" tonight. What might Obama choose to highlight in his brief 50 minutes on the podium?

Below is a quick round-up of potential topics. And, as you're watching the speech tonight, be sure to use my *2013 State of the Union Climate Change Bingo Card*.

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