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Josh spearheaded Third Way's pioneering advocacy for advanced nuclear technology, significantly influencing federal support for nuclear innovation. He has also driven policy and communication efforts to decarbonize the electricity, transportation, and industrial sectors, fostering job creation and economic opportunities.

Josh has been extensively engaged with the Biden-Harris administration, contributing to the development and implementation of climate and energy strategies. He is adept at discussing a wide range of topics within climate and energy, particularly nuclear and industrial strategy. Additionally, he is widely versed on U.S. elections, issues around countering right-wing populism, and the need for better coordination among center-left political parties.



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As Senior Director of Domestic Policy for the Climate and Energy Program at Third Way, Ryan oversees the organization's deep decarbonization efforts, including work on industrial decarbonization, clean energy manufacturing, electric vehicles, sustainable aviation, carbon capture and removal, energy innovation, and US competitiveness in clean energy markets. Across this portfolio, Ryan's efforts are focused on developing and promoting policy solutions that "thread the needle" to meet America's climate and economic growth needs. By developing relationships with stakeholders in advocacy, industry, federal agencies and on Capitol Hill, Ryan builds a well-rounded understanding of complex energy issues beyond their talking points—and uses that understanding to help Third Way influence policy debates through written products, direct outreach to policymakers, coalition-building, and educational events.