

Floor Statement of Rep. Earl Blumenauer
Safe Climate Caucus
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Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Today the Environmental Working Group launched their “Worth It” campaign, highlighting the invaluable role that small and midsize farmers play in protecting our environment, contributing to our economy, and strengthening our core values.

I could not agree more.

It’s our small and midsize farmers who are some of the best stewards of our land. Many of those farmers talk to me about climate change. They are worried – they are outside every day seeing the impact changing weather has on their topsoil, crop patterns, and water availability.

They’re the people who experienced the 3,527 weather records that were broken last year, and they’re the ones asking Congress to help them.

That’s why later this week, I’ll be introducing the Balancing Food, Farm, and Environment Act to assist farmers better adapt to climate change impact and to continue to support their stewardship efforts by updating the conservation provisions in the farm bill.