

Floor Statement of Rep. Earl Blumenauer
Safe Climate Caucus
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This is a momentous week – path to citizenship passing in the Senate, Supreme Court striking down DOMA, and on Tuesday, President Obama recommitted his administration to deal with the moral imperative of climate change.

All around us, the evidence is mounting with extreme weather events, droughts, flooding, wildfires, shrinking polar ice caps, invasive plants and pests our farmers have never seen before.

The President outlined new administrative initiatives because Congress is incapable of action. Sadly, the House of Representatives is led by climate skeptics, climate deniers, and climate cowards. My hope is that if the Republicans in the House won't allow action, it will at least stay out of the President's way.

Protecting the planet and our grandchildren's future ought not to be bringing out the worst in us, but the best.