

**Floor Statement of Rep. Earl Blumenauer  
Safe Climate Caucus  
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While Congress is dealing with this manufactured sequester crisis, we have a real climate crisis occurring right outside the window.

There is clarity on what should be a bipartisan issue with the public. Seven out of 10 Americans believe the scientists that climate change is happening and that humans are making it worse.

Every day, Americans see the impacts, with record droughts and extreme storms events. 2012 set more than 3,500 monthly records for extreme heat, rain, and snow.

This week, 38 leading Republican politicians and national security policy advisors urged international action to prevent and mitigate the impact of climate change. The letter highlights the importance of immediate action and expresses national security concerns should we fail to address these issues.

We should be addressing the real climate crisis, instead of dealing with the phony, made-up fiscal crisis.

Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to enter this letter into the Record.