

Remarks of Rep. Lois Capps
Safe Climate Caucus
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Mr. Speaker, today marks the 100th consecutive legislative day the Safe Climate Caucus has spoken on the House floor calling for action to address climate change.

The science is clear: climate change is already contributing to significant environmental changes, like unprecedented droughts, floods, and hurricanes, to name a few.

But climate change is not only a serious environmental problem – it's a serious economic problem, too.

American businesses – large and small – understand this threat and are responding accordingly...

They're increasing their energy efficiency, reducing pollution, and implementing more sustainable business practices.

American businesses understand that the changing climate is already hurting their bottom lines and they're taking action to strengthen their competitiveness and resiliency.

Congress should be doing the same, yet our Majority continues to stick its head in the sand and do nothing.

Climate change poses a real and immediate threat to our economy and we really can't afford to wait any longer.

I urge my colleagues to join with American businesses in taking action now to address this urgent problem.