

Floor Statement of Rep. Matt Cartwright
Safe Climate Caucus
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Mr. Speaker, for far too long Congress has failed to act while the impacts of climate change threaten our security, our economy, our budget, and the health of our citizens.

In fact, the GAO included climate change in their high-risk report this year, meaning the GAO thinks it is critical for the federal government to address this financial threat posed by climate change.

Whether we're talking about federal flood insurance program, whether we're talking about FEMA payments, climate change undeniably threatens our finances as a nation and as a federal government.

We have to put our partisanship aside and deal with the financial effects of climate change. That's why in the coming months, I intend to release a comprehensive climate adaptation bill that will address the need to protect our nation's assets and our citizens from the devastation that is now inevitable due to our already changing climate.

Mr. Speaker, the time has come for Congressional action, for our own good and the good of our children and our grandchildren.