

Floor Statement of Rep. Henry A. Waxman
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Mr. Speaker, this last week the International Energy Agency came out with a very important report about climate change.

They said that if we don't act soon, we're going to see extreme weather events: droughts, hurricanes, all sorts of flooding, real serious problems for our children and our grandchildren.

But the important thing in this report is if we do act now, we can avert some of those horrible consequences that will face our children and especially our grandchildren.

I want to urge the Congress to take this report seriously and let us start acting to protect future generations and this planet. We only have one atmosphere we share with everyone else.

Let's not pollute it so that the carbon emissions and greenhouse gases continue to heat the planet and cause climate problems that we are already witnessing today.

Let's move. It will help our economy, as well as our environment.