

Floor Statement of Rep. Rush Holt
Safe Climate Caucus
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I rise today as a member of the Safe Climate Caucus to say that climate change is making extreme weather worse and costing us in dollars and lives.

Last week, Typhoon Haiyan, the strongest storm to make landfall in recorded history, struck the Philippines with sustained winds of almost 200 miles per hour, and thousands have been reported dead or missing.

Super Typhoon Haiyan, Super Storm Sandy, Hurricane Irene, Hurricane Katrina, worse and worse wildfires, floods and droughts...

If you flip a coin 20 times, it's possible that an honest coin will land on heads every time, but you should start to suspect that there is something wrong with that coin.

Sure, we could call recent extreme weather coincidence, but as super storms continue again and again you should suspect that something is wrong with our climate.

We should begin fixing our broken world, not pretending all is well.

This week marks the beginning of the 19th UN Climate Change Conference in Warsaw where representatives from more than 190 nations will be discussing climate change and how the world should be responding.

For international climate negotiations to succeed, the U.S. should take the lead, and leading internationally will require us to start here at home.