

Floor Statement of Rep. Barbara Lee
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As a member of the Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition and the Safe Climate Caucus, I rise to call for urgent Congressional action on climate change.

We must follow the examples of my home state of California, Washington, Oregon, and British Columbia. These leaders came together Monday and signed the Pacific Coast Action Plan on Climate and Energy. The action plan will help them collectively reduce carbon pollution and greenhouse gas emissions which will not only help the environment, but it will also help public health and strengthen our economy.

This is a small but significant step to act on climate change. These leaders are taking these important steps because they know the consequences of inaction, they recognize that the effects of climate change cross borders freely. Republicans and Democrats should follow this good example of action and our leadership should move forward to combat climate change.