

Floor Statement of Rep. Barbara Lee
Safe Climate Caucus
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Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today on behalf of the Safe Climate Caucus to once again direct our attention to the serious threat of climate change. Republicans continue to ignore this issue and instead waste our valuable time once again attempting to repeal the Affordable Care Act.

Yesterday, at our Interior appropriations markup, we ended with no real timetable for when we can finish this bill. Worse yet, I have to say, the funding levels in the Interior bill were absolutely irresponsible. The Republican bill would abandon our commitment to the environment, to our national parks, to the public health and safety, and most important to climate change mitigation programs.

It is sad and shameful that we are about to adjourn for a five week district work period, leaving critical business to create jobs, pass comprehensive immigration reform, and fight climate change.

The time to act is now. So I encourage my colleagues to begin to address this issue right away. Thank you.