

**Floor Statement of Rep. Alan Lowenthal**  
**Safe Climate Caucus**  
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Mr. Speaker,

Climate scientists like Dr. Rob Dunbar of Stanford are warning us if we continue down this path of inaction, global sea levels will rise on the average anywhere from one to seven feet by the end of this century.

Let's just take a four foot rise in global sea level, for example. That would devastate coastal communities and jeopardize in my state hundreds of thousands of Californians' properties, causing billions of dollars' worth of damages.

As someone who represents a coastal port, this rise in sea level will cause us tremendous amount of infrastructure needs.

It's our responsibility to take action now to help cut greenhouse gas emissions so that we can start to curb some of the deepest harm caused by rising sea levels.

If we do not act, we are turning our back on every coastal community, not only in California, but on this entire planet.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.