

Floor Statement of Rep. Carolyn Maloney
Safe Climate Caucus
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Mr. Speaker, I agree with President Obama when he said this week that America is uniquely suited to take on the challenge of climate change.

Those of us in the Northeast know firsthand what the President meant when he said that Hurricane Sandy's destruction left our mightiest city underwater and dark.

Sandy destroyed homes, businesses, and in some cases, entire neighborhoods. It halted our markets and damaged the infrastructure that the country depends on.

These costs are real and they are personal. Now is the time to improve the world our children and grandchildren will inherit. Now is the time to protect our beautiful natural resources. Now is the time to mitigate future natural disasters. And now is the time to take on the battle against climate change.

And we know where to start. We need to reduce carbon pollution, utilize more renewable energy, improve energy efficiency, and oppose the big oil subsidies on the Floor this week.