

**Floor Statement of Rep. Jerry McNerney**  
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Mr. Speaker, the evidence for climate change is overwhelming. Be it super-storms, mega-droughts, migration of biological systems, the disappearance of historical glaciers, ocean acidification, or the melting of the polar ice cap, the potential for catastrophic change grows every year.

Unfortunately, the House Republicans continue to push legislation that exacerbates climate change. Last year, Republicans reduced funding for the clean energy technologies, interfered with the R&D at the Department of Energy, and prevented the EPA from addressing carbon emissions.

Our economy is expected to grow this year and with that growth carbon emissions will rise. The United States is a leader in technology and innovation. We should use this leadership as an opportunity to foster cooperation between public and private interests to work together to provide low-cost, clean energy. Instead, it's been used by the House Republicans to bludgeon the EPA and to roll back the environmental gains of the past half century.