

Floor Statement of Rep. Jerry McNerney
Safe Climate Caucus
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Mr. Speaker, on Friday, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change published their latest report confirming that climate change is happening and that it is the result of human activity.

The report was produced by 259 scientists from 39 different countries over the last six years and is the most comprehensive and authoritative assessment of the earth's changing climate.

The report shows that climate change is real and shows the urgency to reduce humankind's CO₂ emissions. The scientists now have a 95% confidence that their findings are correct.

Mr. Speaker, the science is not up for debate. Human-caused climate change is happening, the evidence is overwhelming. Science shows that if we fail to curb our carbon emissions we will face catastrophic consequences. We cannot continue to ignore this overwhelming scientific consensus. Let's work together to reduce our CO₂ emissions and prevent the most severe weather events.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back.