

Floor Statement of Rep. Jerry McNerney
Safe Climate Caucus
September 9, 2013

Mr. Speaker, a report released last week by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration examined the relationship between climate change and the extreme weather events from last year.

The report found compelling evidence that human-caused climate change contributed to many of the extreme weather events seen around the world last year including some of the heat waves and droughts seen in the central United States as well as elevated sea levels that contributed to the unprecedented level of flooding in New York City after superstorm Sandy.

The report, based on the work of 78 scientists, concluded that climate change has an impact on extreme weather events. These storms and droughts are endangering lives and livelihoods and costing taxpayers billions of dollars.

Unfortunately, we are failing to address these threats in the House of Representatives. The Republican majority of the House has refused to acknowledge the overwhelming scientific evidence that the planet's climate is changing and that human activity is a major contributor to this change.