

**Floor Statement of Rep. Jim Moran**  
**Safe Climate Caucus**  
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Mr. Speaker, the Safe Climate Caucus is composed of 25 members of the House who have made a commitment to talk every single legislative day on the House Floor about the urgent need to address Climate Change.

Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, we reached record levels of carbon in the atmosphere. Since 1956, a U.S. observatory has been recording data on the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, and over the last few decades, carbon dioxide levels have been higher than at any point in the last 800,000 years.

So there's more carbon dioxide in the atmosphere today than since the dawn of civilization.

This month, the amount of carbon is close to reaching 400 parts per million. It's a new record, and as a result, extreme weather events are going to be ever more frequent and more damaging.

We must act before it's too late. Our window to address the threat of climate change is closing. It's time to stop the denials and to start acting proactively.