

Floor Statement of Rep. Jim Moran
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Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report indicated that there are now dire new estimates for the rate of warming around the planet in the next century.

The report represents the latest finding from the international scientific community that not only is the planet warming, but there is a 95% certainty that that warming is being caused by human activity.

We have known for over 100 years how greenhouse gases work in the atmosphere to trap heat. It's basic physics. We also know that atmospheric concentrations of heat trapping gases have been rising based on decades of direct measurements. And as we directly track and measure the human activities that release heat trapping gases, such as burning fossil fuels, we understand we are responsible.

Unfortunately, there are some politicians in this body that are content to ignore the overwhelming scientific consensus, and that is being done at the bidding of the oil and gas lobby.

The House of Representatives has to listen to these experts and take action on climate change.