

**Floor Statement of Rep. Henry A. Waxman**  
**Safe Climate Caucus**  
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Mr. Speaker, I rise as a member of the Safe Climate Caucus to address the important issue of climate change.

EPA reported some good news today. Carbon pollution from power plants has dropped 10% from 2010 to 2012. Some of this drop was due to fuel switching from coal to natural gas, which is less polluting. Some was due to increased energy efficiency. And some was due to growth in clean, renewable sources of electricity like wind and solar.

Our challenge is to continue these reductions. Market forces alone will not be enough. The Energy Department says that carbon pollution has crept up this year as coal prices fell and usage increased. That's why we need the new regulations proposed by EPA to limit carbon pollution from new power plants. And that's why we need limits on pollution from existing power plants.

The history of the Clean Air Act has shown us that we can have both a strong economy and clean air. Our health, our environment, and our economic prosperity depends on developing the clean energy technologies of the future.