

Floor Statement of Rep. Peter Welch
Safe Climate Caucus
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Mr. Speaker, climate change in my view is real, it's urgent, and we must make progress or ignore it at our peril.

But whether we agree or disagree, whether you're a climate change believer or denier, there are things that we can do together for the benefit of the environment and the economy.

We can focus the debate on energy efficiency. We can save money through making our homes and buildings more energy efficient. We can put people back to work and buy American products. And in the process, we can cut down on harmful carbon emissions and make progress on climate change and strengthen our economy.

That's why I've joined with my friend from West Virginia, David McKinley, in introducing the Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act, which proposes practical solutions to bolster energy efficiency. This bill will speed our transition to a more energy-efficient economy, increasing America's economic competitiveness and energy security and build jobs. By finding areas where we actually do agree and working together we can make progress on the environment and on the economy.

I yield back.