

Floor Remarks for the Honorable Doris O. Matsui
One Minute Floor Speech on Climate Change
June 14, 2013

Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a member of the Safe Climate Caucus to highlight the four-part plan released last Monday by the International Energy Agency about the importance of reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

It is yet one more report sounding the alarm that we are not on track to meet the agreed-upon target of limiting the rise of average global temperatures to 2 degrees Celsius.

Mr. Speaker, how many more reports must be released before we act?

Every day that Congress continues down this self-destructive path of ignoring climate change is a missed opportunity to bring immense benefits to our country.

By failing to enact responsible climate change policies, we are missing the opportunity to simultaneously create good paying jobs, protect our environment, and leave a sustainable planet for our future generations.

The time to act is now.