

Floor Remarks for the Honorable Doris O. Matsui
One Minute Floor Speech on Climate Change
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Mr. Speaker, for far too long our country has ignored the blatant warning signals that climate change is real, and its effects are happening all around us, from droughts to wildfires to extreme flooding.

The time to act is now.

Numerous reports indicate that we are dangerously close to losing the window of opportunity in which we can meaningfully address climate change.

My district of Sacramento has already been working hard to implement commonsense policies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

By developing cutting-edge clean energy technology and creating energy retrofit programs, my constituents understand the urgent need to tackle this issue head-on.

Now is the time for Congress to follow their lead and show that we, too, are committed to mitigating and reversing the devastating effects of climate change.

Failure to heed new warnings and take action will have drastic economic and environmental effects, not just for our generation, but for our children and grandchildren.

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