



Harley Rouda- Climate Change and the Environment

I'm very happy to call the 48th Congressional District my home, as it is one of the most remarkable places to live in the world. I will work to protect California's most precious asset, our beautiful coastlines, from offshore drilling. We need to focus on consistently choosing clean energy over the fossil fuels of the past. As a businessman, I know firsthand that protecting the environment and incentivizing economic growth are not mutually exclusive goals, and that is why I support making Southern California the clean tech capital of the world.

It's time to have political leadership that has the common sense to recognize that in addition to preserving the planet, combatting climate change is also about embracing mainstream principles like energy freedom and protecting our national security. In fact, a coalition of 25 military and national security experts recently warned that climate change "poses a significant risk to US national security and international security".

Luckily, Trump and his Congressional partners like Dana are out of touch. According to a recent poll, 61 percent of voters nationwide disapprove of Trump's handling of the environment. We need to continue exposing their backwards agenda and fighting for a different vision for our climate and energy future.

And that starts first and foremost with prioritizing green energies over the fossil fuels of the past. Clean energy innovation is not only better for the environment, but it also creates high paying jobs, economic growth, prosperity, energy choice and freedom from foreign dependence. And there is no better place in the world to unleash America's clean energy potential than Southern California. We have all the ingredients: one of the best places in the world to live that attracts talented workers from around the globe; over 300 days of sunshine; a well-developed infrastructure; some of the world's leading universities; an innovative culture; forward thinking municipalities; access to capital; and numerous high-tech businesses.

Our nation is at a crossroads: do we continue to prop up old fossil fuel industries through government subsidies, or do we embrace the economic opportunities of clean energy? The future of our communities is literally at stake, and in Congress I will help lead the charge against climate change and work to make Orange County the world's leader in clean-tech.

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