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News for California's 47th Congressional District
from Congressman Alan Lowenthal



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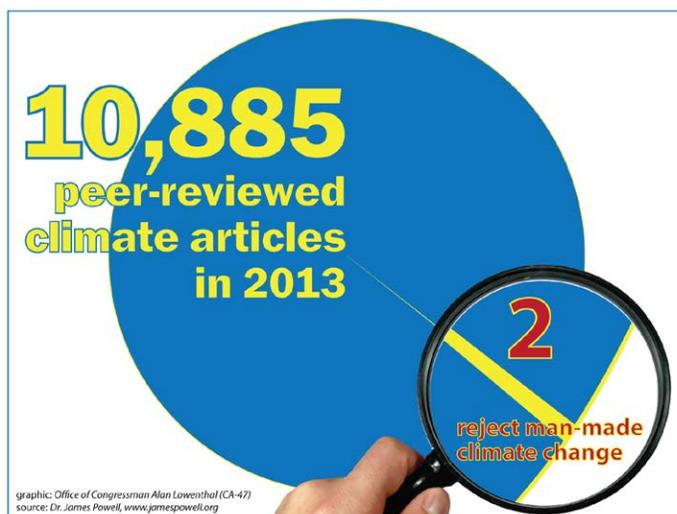
Despite rising sea levels, shrinking glaciers, retreating arctic ice, ocean acidification, changing wildlife patterns, and extreme weather events worldwide, polls continue to show that a good portion of the public believe there is significant scientific disagreement as to whether human actions are contributing to climate change.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

Today, there is not a single scientific body of national or international standing that rejects the findings of human-caused climate change. Not one.

To further make the point, let me share the latest work from researcher Dr. James Powell, a geochemist and 12-year member of the National Science Board appointed by Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H. W. Bush. Dr. Powell just completed the most recent update to his survey of the peer-reviewed literature on climate change.

As you can see, Dr. Powell found that out of the 10,885 peer-reviewed scientific papers published on climate change in all of 2013 only two papers reject human-caused climate change.



Two out of nearly 11,000. This is not disagreement. This is not a divided scientific community.

The case is closed. We need to put this illusion of major scientific disagreement behind us and take action.

Every minute we waste on this "myth of disagreement," is one minute longer we

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Do you think that climate change will occur or have serious impacts in your lifetime?

Climate change is already happening

It will happen in a few years

It will happen in my lifetime

Not in my lifetime, but will affect future generations

Climate change will not happen

No opinion

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delay taking concrete action, making any solution more difficult and more expensive.

In The 47th District

Outstanding Students in Long Beach

The Long Beach Gazette Newspapers recently released an update on some of the city's talented students. A Woodrow Wilson Classical High School student who received President Barack Obama's Volunteer Service Award, a Master's student at California State University, Long Beach who became recognized as a California Sea Grant Fellow, and many more. Follow this link to learn more about the great work our district's students are doing: <http://bit.ly/1ekWO6G>

Expanding our Public Lands

President Barack Obama will soon expand the California Coastal National Monument to include the Point Arena-Stornetta Public Lands in Mendocino County, adding about 1,665 acres of Pacific shoreline to the Monument.

A report by the federal Bureau of Land Management estimated that outdoor recreation on public lands in California contributed nearly \$900 million to the economy in 2012. I thank the President for his leadership and for working to preserve our public lands for future generations.

Coffee and Conversation

Just a reminder that on Saturday, March 22, I will be holding a Community Coffee in Long Beach. Please join me for a cup of coffee and conversation about the issues facing our community and nation. I will be providing a Congressional update to attendees and, as always, will answer your questions.

I hope to see you there!

Congressman Alan Lowenthal
invites you to a ...

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Location:
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On The Hill

A Missed Opportunity for Physicians and Seniors

The House of Representatives on Friday passed a bill by a vote of 238 to 181 that would repeal the flawed Medicare physician payment formula, known as the Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR). Unfortunately, the legislation also included a 51st attempt to repeal or dismantle the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Specifically, a provision was added at the last minute that would delay the individual mandate of the ACA in order to pay for the new payment formula. This is why I voted no. I believe Congress missed an opportunity to pass bipartisan and bicameral legislation to fix the flawed Medicare physician payment system. We should be focusing on ways to work together, not draw us apart.

The President's Budget

I wrote to you last week about the President's budget, which eliminates special tax breaks to America's wealthiest individuals in order to pay for important programs that will move our country forward. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the office responsible for drafting the budget proposal, released a great video that easily explains the President's budget.

I encourage you to learn more about the President's 2015 Budget by watching the video here: <http://youtu.be/F82oKU6UrI4>



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Point of Order

A term used in committee and on the floor to object to an alleged rule infraction and to demand that the chair enforce the rule. The point of order immediately halts the proceedings until the chair decides whether the contention is valid. If the chair sustains a point of order against a measure, amendment, or motion, it may not be considered; against a provision in a measure, it is immediately deleted; against a conference report, it is automatically rejected; and if against remarks by another member, that member must yield or proceed in order.

If the floor manager of a bill concedes a point of order, the chair immediately sustains the point of order. Otherwise, the chair usually permits members to present arguments for and against it before announcing a ruling, but is not required to do so and can cut off discussion whenever he or she chooses.

With some exceptions, a member may appeal the chair's ruling. Appeals are rarely demanded in the House and even more rarely succeed. They are demanded more

often in the Senate and are occasionally successful. The Senate's presiding officer has the option of submitting a point of order to the decision of the Senate, but must do so when a constitutional question or certain Senate rules is involved.

Last Week's Poll

Do you agree with the President's decision in his proposed budget to close tax loopholes enjoyed by only the wealthy and well-connected?

- 48.6%** Yes - It is unfair for the wealthy and well-connected to enjoy special tax breaks, especially as millions of middle class Americans are still struggling to get by
- 31.4%** Maybe - Closing tax loopholes for the wealthy and well-connected is a start, but he should instead create a simpler and fairer tax code for all Americans, regardless of their economic status.
- 20.0%** No - His budget plan is irresponsible
- 0.0%** I do not know

Thank you,



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