

## Statement on Earth Day

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&ldquo;In Washington, Congress is considering how best to combat climate change. This is a very real and serious challenge that we face and one that does not lend itself to easy answers. I have been encouraged by the willingness of congressional leaders and the administration to engage in this debate and push for solutions. Some worry that now is not the time to tackle such a big issue. I recognize these concerns, but I am confident, that if done in the right way, we can come to a consensus.

&ldquo;Green technologies available to us today as well as innovations just over the horizon are vital to strengthening sectors of our economy that are struggling today while providing opportunities for new economic growth. Combined with conservation and smart stewardship of our resources, these technologies hold the key to a more sustainable and prosperous America.&rdquo;

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