

CONGRESSMAN

Jimmy Panetta

PROUDLY REPRESENTING THE 20TH DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Dear Neighbor,

As we prepare for the holiday season, I hope that you, your family, and your loved ones have the opportunity to reflect on and give thanks for the natural beauty of the central coast of California that we are fortunate to call home. We must continue to remain committed to protecting our environment for future generations by confronting and reversing the effects of climate change and supporting the health of our community, country, and planet.

As your Member of Congress, I am fighting for deliberate and innovative actions on climate change and protections for our public health, clean air, and clean water. I am working to advance our economy and global preeminence in green technology, promote the reasonable and sustainable production of agriculture, and provide a healthy and sustainable future for our children.

I have authored, introduced, and cosponsored multiple pieces of legislation that block oil drilling in our oceans and public lands, cut carbon emissions, and protect our pristine environment on the Central Coast.

The House of Representatives has held over 80 hearings on the climate crisis in which we examined how to combat climate change, build a more resilient infrastructure, and boost the clean energy sector and creation of jobs.



Rep. Panetta speaks at the Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve about his work in Congress to support marine conservation.

Protecting Our Environment

- Stopping Oil Drilling on our Public Lands: I introduced the [California Central Coast Conservation Act](#) to stop new oil exploration and drilling on the Central Coast, after the Administration's repeated efforts and orders to open public lands to drilling.
- Cutting Carbon Emissions: I introduced the [Climate Action Rebate Act](#) to reduce U.S. carbon emissions by 55% within a decade, while also creating jobs, rebuilding our nation's infrastructure, and spurring innovation in clean energy.
- Promoting Clean Energy Technology and Transportation: I introduced the [Clean Energy Production Parity Act](#), bipartisan legislation to spur investment in next-generation green technology, and the [Green Bus Tax Credit Act](#) to encourage the development and deployment of zero emission buses in California.
- Protecting the Paris Climate Agreement: The House adopted my amendment to the [Climate Action Now Act](#), which prohibits federal funds from being used to withdraw the United States from the landmark Paris Climate Agreement. This was the first climate-change bill to pass the House in a decade.
- Creating Centers on Climate Change at Coastal Colleges and Universities: I introduced the [Coastal Resilience Research and Education Act](#) to formalize and enhance existing collaborations and partnerships between public institutions of higher education and federal agencies to protect coastal communities, while advancing the climate science research and education.

Read more about these and other environmental bills that I have cosponsored [here](#).



Rep. Panetta speaks about his work on legislation to protect and preserve our coastline.

Fighting the Immediate Impacts and Future Threats of Climate Change

- The House passed and the President signed into law the [National Resources Management Act](#), a conservation and public lands package that includes permanent reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF).
- Cosponsored the [Green New Deal](#) and working with the Select Committee on the Climate Crisis.
- Cosponsored House-passed bills that block oil and gas drilling in coastal communities and vulnerable ecosystems, [including along the entirety of California's coast](#).



Rep. Panetta discusses his environmental protection efforts in the U.S. Congress while at Cowell Beach in Santa Cruz, part of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

America, and our home state of California, has been a leader in combatting the climate crisis. I believe that we must rejoin and encourage our global partners to continue to address the issues behind climate change. We must act now and commit to substantial reductions in carbon pollution, meaningful investments in clean energy, and policies that strengthen our communities and prioritize the health and safety of current and future generations.

Climate change is a threat to all of us and, thus, I will continue to advance serious and significant legislation to effectively address this crisis. I will continue fighting to promote those types of creative policies that protect our planet, our environment, and our home.

If you would like to receive future updates, please sign up for my newsletters by clicking [here](#). You can also find more information about legislation, votes cast in the U.S. House of Representatives, or the legislative process [here](#).

If you have any questions or issues that I or my staff can help you with, please call or contact my Congressional offices in Salinas, Santa Cruz, or Washington, D.C. or through panetta.house.gov. Please do not hesitate to reach out and let me know how I can continue to best serve you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Panetta", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

JIMMY PANETTA
Member of Congress