



HOMELAND SECURITY IS STRENGTHENING OUR NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN BORDERS. UNFORTUNATELY, THE BIGGEST THREAT WE FACE MAY ATTACK FROM THE EAST.

Last year, a record number of hurricanes formed in the Atlantic basin. This wasn't just bad luck. There's actually a scientific reason behind it: The Atlantic Ocean has become warmer than average. Scientists say this temperature cycle could bring us more devastating hurricanes for at least the next decade. As of 2004, the property value in the 18 East and Gulf Coast states totaled \$6.9 trillion. That's over half the entire U.S. GDP.

We can't afford to leave ourselves exposed like this any longer.

Today, Congress is working with state and local officials and the private sector to create a financially responsible solution to prepare and protect Americans from future natural catastrophes like hurricanes and earthquakes. H.R. 4366 and S. 3117 use insurance premiums — not tax dollars —

to create a financial backstop against disaster and help Americans better prepare themselves for these events. It is truly a cause worthy of your and every American's support.

IT'S TIME TO STRENGTHEN OUR DEFENSES.

Visit www.protectingamerica.org and urge Congress to get our country ready for the next big attack.