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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today, the House passed legislation sponsored by Rep. Ellen Tauscher to clean up methamphetamine labs across California.

Two-thirds of all meth labs are in residential settings like houses and apartments. The toxic byproducts of meth production are frequently dumped in gutters, fields and streams, contaminating well beyond the original production site.

"This is a suburban epidemic, and too often the labs are not found in time. This bill gives law enforcement the tools they need to detect these sites before their poisons contaminate the community, putting innocent children and

families at risk. And it will help communities address the toxic mess that's left behind long after the labs are shut down – a mess that's costing the honest taxpayers of my district millions of dollars to clean up each year," said Rep. Tauscher.

The Methamphetamine Remediation Act, H.R. 365, tasks federal agencies with developing field test kits to help law enforcement detect meth labs and develop strong health-based guidelines for their clean up. The bill also insists on new guidelines for law enforcement officials to ensure officers in every community have the knowledge and tools they need to effectively clean meth labs once they are found.

"There are bold initiatives taking place in the East Bay and across in California to educate the public on the meth epidemic, and I will continue to work with community leaders, law enforcement, and families to address this problem," added Rep. Tauscher.

Rep. Tauscher is a member of the Congressional Caucus to Fight and Control Methamphetamine.

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