

Washington, DC – Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore) today released the following statement on the passing of Senator Ted Kennedy (D-MA):

“We have lost one of the greatest senators of our time. Ted Kennedy is someone who not only fought injustice, but made real strides in advancing women’s rights, defending the environment, and protecting minorities. He not only believed in change, but he achieved it, improving the lives of people the world over. My personal experience working with Senator Kennedy to help Iraqi refugees who put their lives at risk assisting the United States armed forces was an inspiration. He was a fierce advocate for the most vulnerable people in the world, particularly those in the United States who lack basic health care coverage. By extending health care to every American, I am eager to help achieve one of Senator Kennedy’s most important, lifelong goals.”

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