

Washington, DC – Tonight Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.) responded to the President's State of the Union address. He said:

“Tonight the President gave the most disappointing State of the Union speech at a time when there is an opportunity to cooperate with Democrats and members of his own party on issues that Americans care about. For the seventh year in a row he mentioned our dependence on foreign oil, and for the seventh year in a row he offered no meaningful action to reduce it. He gave us an opportunity to work with him on the concept of capping the health care tax deduction, but we must be careful it truly benefits low-income families and won't undermine employer-funded health care. Nowhere was the President more out of touch with reality than on Iraq, calling for more troops with no plan to make a difference. He is out of step with his generals, with Congress and increasingly with the American public.”

Congressman Blumenauer is a seventh-term Congressman and a member of the Committee on Ways and Means. He formerly served on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee as well as the International Relations Committee. An outspoken critic of the war in Iraq, Congressman Blumenauer is also a national leader on issues of energy, transportation and climate change.