Portland Ore. – Congressman Earl Blumenauer, State Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson, and Multnomah County Commissioner Lonnie Roberts will host a joint forum on the future of Social Security and the impacts of President Bush's privatization plan, on Saturday, February 19 at the YWCA Senior Center in Gresham. At the forum, Monnes Anderson, Chair of the Senate Health Policy Committee, will also discuss her legislative package to lower health care costs for Oregonians.

Congress and the President are currently involved in a vigorous public debate about the future of Social Security. The President has made privatization of the Social Security system one of his top priorities. Blumenauer is reaching out to Oregonians to get their opinion on the President's plan and what should be done, if anything, to ensure the future solvency of Social Security. His office has received 7000 responses to a questionnaire sent out early this year, the vast majority expressing strong opposition to the President's plan.

Blumenauer is hosting a series of meetings on Social Security and participating in a number of forums, including several on college campuses. For a complete list of Blumenauer's appearances visit his website at http://blumenauer.house.gov.

WHO: Congressman Earl Blumenauer
State Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson
Multnomah County Commissioner Lonnie Roberts

WHAT: Public Forum on Social Security

WHERE: Sharon Kelly Room
YWCA Senior Center
600 NE 8th
Gresham

WHEN: 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon
Saturday, February 19