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Congressman Blumenauer, a member of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus, is a strong advocate for human rights and democracy. While there are limits to our ability to impact what goes on in other countries, he believes it is particularly important that the United States always model and advocate our deepest held values.

Blumenauer is a staunch opponent of torture, whether committed by the United States or despotic regimes across the globe. He strongly supports the Geneva Conventions and the obligations of the laws of war. He has regularly led the charge to prohibit torture and close down the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Questions remain about how to prosecute individuals accused of plotting or attempting to attack the United States. There are legitimate concerns about the viability of holding these trials in civilian courts. Yet the Congressman believes that doing so would also be a step forward in confronting both our alleged attackers and the treatment they subsequently received at our hands. Now is the time to recommit to, not shy away from, the rule of law.

Defending Women's Rights : The advancement and protection of women's rights is a priority for Congressman Blumenauer. He consistently supports policies relating to women's health, economic equity, education, domestic violence, childcare, child support, sexual harassment and international human rights.

Fighting for Lesbian-Gay-Bisexual-Transexual Equality: Blumenauer is a member of the LGBT Equality Caucus and has been a steadfast advocate for policies that combat discrimination, inequity, and injustice.

Restoring Privacy: Blumenauer has opposed the Patriot Act since the original, bipartisan version of the bill was undermined by the Bush administration and significantly expanded without safeguards for the rights of ordinary Americans.