

Washington, DC – Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore) joined the House Democratic Caucus in front of the United States Capitol today to announce six core values as the top priorities in the coming November election. Called the “New Partnership for America’s Future,” this pledge outlines efforts to provide economic prosperity for all, increase national security and community safety, improve educational opportunities, ensure universal access to affordable health care and establish accountable budget policies. The plan also highlights Congressional Republicans’ failure to address these vital issues.

Included in today’s press conference was Jennifer Davis of Portland, Oregon. Davis and her family recently lost their health insurance when her husband, Greg Haun, was laid off. Last month, Jennifer was rushed to the hospital with chest pains, a visit that cost her \$1,600. Now her husband Greg needs to have a kidney stone removed, a procedure that will cost \$10,000.

“Last year, we had good insurance,” Jennifer said. “But now we’re working at home and we can’t afford a good plan. We’re spending our entire savings to pay our medical bills this year. What’s going to happen next year?”

The Davis family is not alone. Over 5 million Americans have lost their health insurance over the past four years. In Oregon, health care premiums have risen by over 50 percent, an \$800 increase.

“It is instances like these that show why we need this plan,” Blumenauer said. “We cannot sit idly by and watch as Republicans in Congress fail to address the challenges faced by the Davis family and millions of other Americans. Our New Partnership will help build towards America’s future, not tear it down.”

To read more about the House Democrat’s new partnership, please visit www.housedemocrats.gov