

Blumenauer to Hold Community Meeting on Iraq and Prisoner Abuse

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Washington, D.C.—Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.) will hold a community meeting to discuss America’s foreign policy – what it is and what it should be – on Sunday, July 18 at 1:00 p.m at Mississippi Pizza in Portland. Blumenauer is holding the meeting to provide Oregonians an opportunity to discuss developments in Iraq, including revelations about human rights violations.

“During the past several months, my office has received hundreds of calls, emails and letters regarding our nation’s foreign policy,” said Blumenauer. “The Bush administration’s justification for war has evaporated, we have alienated our oldest allies and it turns out the plans for reconstruction in Afghanistan and Iraq were inadequate or nonexistent. Instead of setting an example of respect for the rule of law and human rights, the administration toys with the definition of “torture,” brushes aside the Geneva Convention, presides over abuse of Iraqi prisoners and threatens civil rights at home. All of this has prompted an outpouring of telephone calls, e-mails and letters expressing Oregonians’ frustration and outrage over the Bush administration’s conduct of the war and our foreign policy. This informal discussion will help me as I continue my work to represent the best of America’s values in Washington.”

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WHERE: Mississippi Pizza
3542 North Mississippi Ave.
Portland

WHEN: Sunday, July 18
1:00 p.m.