

Washington, D.C. — Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.) issued the following statement regarding the Supreme Court's decision today upholding the constitutionality of the University of Michigan's admission policies:

“Today's decision by the Supreme Court upholding affirmative action is a victory for all Americans. As our nation continues to struggle with the vestiges of systemic bigotry, we should not underestimate the critical importance of affirmative action efforts for minorities and women. We are not talking about quotas; we are talking about efforts to address the egregious inequities of the past and to make sure that our institutions reflect the communities that they serve.”

“The government has a compelling interest in promoting diversity in education. I commend the Supreme Court for recognizing this in its decision.”