

WASHINGTON, DC-Today, Congressman Blumenauer participated in a press conference on the lawn of the U.S. Capitol with other Members of Congress to release the annual "Green Scissors" report. The report was produced by the U.S. Public Interest Research Group, Friends of the Earth and Taxpayers for Common Sense and calls on Congress to cut wasteful and environmentally damaging spending.

Blumenauer issued the following statement on the Green Scissors report:

Now, more than ever, the public wants leadership, not business as usual that wastes money and damages the environment. This year there are 78 recommendations that Congress should follow - I look forward to them every year. The green scissors groups are asking the right questions. It's not about agreeing with every one of the 78 recommendations, rather which one are you going to do something about?

I've got four: ending federal subsidies for artificial beach construction; reforming the 1872 Mining Law; stopping the environmentally damaging sugar subsidy and reforming the National Flood Insurance Program

If every member of Congress were to take one of these issues to champion, we could save the American taxpayer millions of dollars, make the environment better, and make America stronger and more livable.