On Saturday, Congressman Blumenauer visited the third annual Gay and Grey Expo at Friendly House in Northwest Portland. Gay and Grey is a resource fair that focuses on the needs of senior and baby boomer members of the gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, transgendered, questioning, and intersex community. Congressman Blumenauer offered introductory remarks for the panel on advocacy, which featured Governor Barbara Roberts, Maura Rosche from Basic Rights Oregon, and Joyce DeMonnin from AARP.

“As a new generation enters retirement age, we need to ensure that all seniors have access to services we have promised them,” Blumenauer said. “Unfortunately, GLBT Seniors still face barriers to equitable housing, access to their loved ones in a hospital, and the tools for effective financial planning. I sincerely applaud this outreach and your advocacy in our community.”

The exposition also offered health and wellness screenings, a Medicare 101 session, financial planning, and other events targeted to seniors.