Last week, Congressman Blumenauer hosted Nancy Sutley, White House Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality as part of her visit to Oregon. At a renewable energy roundtable, Chair Sutley met with local stakeholders from the wind, solar, wave, green building, labor, education and economic development sectors to learn about clean energy development projects taking place in the region. Participants also encouraged Sutley to consider Oregon for a national renewable energy demonstration project, an idea that she agreed has potential. Such a project would bring resources, job creation and further momentum to these growing 'green collar' industries.

Later at a rooftop reception with local environmental leaders, Chair Sutley emphasized the importance of the Clean Air Act in protecting both individual health and the environment. Questions and comments from attendees included the importance of protecting wild salmon to the ecosystem, as well as recreation and industry jobs tied to salmon.