On February 29th, Garden Club of America members from around the country gathered in Washington, DC to speak with their elected officials about the importance of clean air, clean water, public lands, and an environmentally friendly transportation policy. Congressman Blumenauer was honored to have an opportunity to address the group. He discussed the demise of the House Transportation bill and the potential for reform of agricultural policy in this year's farm bill. He also spoke to members of the Portland Garden Club about important Oregon conservation initiatives.

"You are important advocates for environmental protection and are visiting Congress at a crucial time," Blumenauer told Garden Club members. "You can help Congress understand what clean air, clean water, and protecting public lands means for our communities. You are an important voice for these issues and can help bring people together from both sides of the aisle."

(left to right) Christine Farrington, Terry Putnam, Rep. Blumenauer, Georgia A. Schell, Pat Wall