This week, Congressman Blumenauer joined *Food Fight!* author Dan Imhoff in a public event that focused on the importance of the federal Farm Bill. Imhoff, a well-known environmental writer, provided a wealth of information on how current federal farm policy impacts our ecosystems, nutrition, economy, and health. Blumenauer followed up with information about the importance of local advocacy and action in passing critical reforms to the Farm Bill as it comes up for reauthorization this summer.

“Today, 87% of Oregon farmers and ranchers get no benefit from the Farm Bill,” said Blumenauer. “ A reformed Farm Bill, however, could have a transformational effect on rural economies, local food supplies, climate change, and even the political process.”

Event sponsors Ecotrust, Slow Food, Friends of Family Farmers, and Salmon Safe offered resources and ideas to attendees on getting involved and making a difference.

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