Congressman Blumenauer this week met with delegation members of Mercy Corps' guests from the All-China Youth Federation (ACYF). Blumenauer's presentation to the delegation, entitled "US Federal Government Structure and Role in International Development," included conversation with delegates about U.S.-China relations, both historically and today. The ACYF visitors are studying international aid and development, and about half are visiting the United States for the first time.

When asked how to bridge the enormous geographic and cultural divide between China and the U.S., Congressman Blumenauer responded, "People want their families to be safe, healthy and economically secure – that never changes. So we start today at this individual level, meeting each other and having positive experiences of travel and cultural exchange. This is where we build the foundation that our governments and policies can build upon."