Congressman Blumenauer convened a roundtable with coffee roasters from across the Portland region on Wednesday morning. The meeting was held at Portland Roasting Company and featured a full range of businesses from large, established roasters to new micro-roasters. Many of the roasters discussed their mutual desire to bring down health care costs for their employees as well as business needs, commodity, and freight concerns.

“Once again, we have another powerful Portland story in the growth of our coffee roaster community” said Blumenauer. “The efforts of these enterprises are creating a new hallmark industry in Portland and are getting attention all across the nation. I am excited to work with them as they coordinate on issues like health care, commodity prices, and business assistance needs.”