

## Congressman David Wu (D-1<sup>st</sup> District)

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Congressman David Wu (D-OR) was sworn in to a fourth term as a Member of the 109th Congress on January 3, 2005. Congressman Wu represents Oregon's First Congressional District, which stretches from Portland to the Oregon Coast, encompassing all of Washington, Yamhill, Columbia, and Clatsop counties, and part of Multnomah County.

Congressman Wu's priorities include: improving our nation's public education system and making college more affordable; growing Oregon's economy by encouraging new business investment and supporting high tech research; improving our nation's healthcare system by fighting for patients' rights and a Medicare prescription drug benefit; and meeting our obligation to future generations by preserving Social Security and protecting our natural environment.

In the House of Representatives, Congressman Wu serves on the Education and the Workforce Committee, which has sole jurisdiction over education policy. Congressman Wu also serves on the Science Committee, which has jurisdiction over research and technology policy and NASA. He is the Ranking Member on the Environment, Technology and Standards Subcommittee.

Congressman David Wu has lived the American dream. In October of 1961, at six years of age, he moved with his family to the United States after President John F. Kennedy signed an executive order updating unfair immigration quotas. He was educated in public schools, earned a Bachelor of Science from Stanford University in 1977, attended Harvard Medical School, and received a law degree from Yale University in 1982.

Congressman Wu's distinguished legal career included a clerkship with a Federal judge in Portland. In 1988, he co-founded the law firm of Cohen & Wu. For a decade, the firm successfully served the high technology industry and numerous small businesses across Northwest Oregon.

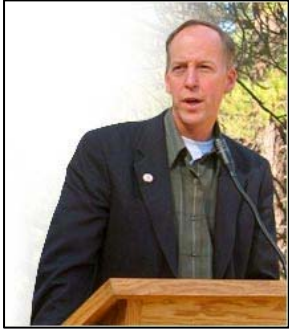
Congressman Wu counts among his proudest accomplishments his work to help build scores of new businesses that have thrived and provided well-paying jobs for Oregonians. His fifteen years of experience in the Portland business and high technology communities make him uniquely qualified to represent the "Silicon Forest" district in Congress.

Congressman Wu is the first and only Chinese-American to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives. He currently is a member of the Executive Board for the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus and served as Chair from January 2001 to January 2004. Congressman Wu is also a member of the New Democrat Coalition (NDC), a group of moderate Democrats in the House.

Congressman Wu and his wife Michelle have two children: a eight-year-old son named Matthew and a six-year-old daughter named Sarah.

## Congressman Greg Walden (R-2<sup>nd</sup> District)

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Congressman Greg Walden is currently in his fifth term representing the people of Oregon's Second Congressional District, which includes twenty counties in central, southern and eastern Oregon. Greg brings solid private and public sector experience to his work in the Congress. Having grown up in a home committed to public service - Greg's father was former Oregon State Representative Paul Walden - it is fitting that Greg supplements his busy career as a small business owner with one serving Oregonians in public office. He began his public service in the Oregon State Legislature, serving in both the House and Senate and earning

leadership posts in both. He was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in November 1998 and was sworn in the following January.

He and his wife, Mylene, own and operate five radio stations in Oregon's breathtaking Columbia Gorge. They live in Hood River where their son, Anthony, attends public school. Greg commutes from Hood River to Washington, D.C. virtually every week when Congress is in session; he has completed more than 289 round trips between Oregon and D.C. since taking office. The Waldens are an active family that enjoys taking advantage of Oregon's vast outdoor recreational opportunities including skiing, kayaking and hiking, as well as participating in local civic groups such as Rotary and the Chamber of Commerce. Greg has made a name for himself in Washington, D.C. as an effective and hardworking legislator. He has a deep commitment to Oregon's Second District, which is as diverse as it is beautiful. Natural resources, agriculture, health care, illicit drugs, education, economic development, job creation, energy, foreign affairs, technology, and other issues key to the rural and urban areas in Greg's district are a part of his daily focus. He is currently working diligently on key legislation he has cosponsored with colleagues from the Northwest such as the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Reauthorization Act.

His solid reputation has afforded Greg key appointments to leadership assignments and sought-after committees. During the 107th Congress, he was one of only two sophomores to receive a spot on the influential Energy and Commerce Committee, which has jurisdiction over a broad range of departments, agencies and issues including health care, energy, transportation, trade, telecommunications and commerce, to name some. Greg is also a Deputy Whip in the House leadership structure. This position allows Oregonians to have a strong voice within House leadership and involves Greg in regular meetings to plan and discuss the House of Representatives' course of action.

## Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-3<sup>rd</sup> District)

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Mr. Blumenauer began his political career while still an undergraduate at Lewis and Clark College, spearheading an unsuccessful attempt to lower Oregon's voting age and later, the successful national effort to lower the voting age. Elected to the Oregon Legislature at the age of 23, he won every precinct in his district. In the Oregon House of Representatives, he chaired the Revenue and School Finance Committee and played key roles in enacting legislation that created Oregon's landmark land use planning program and progressive transportation policies - both still national models today.

In 1978, Mr. Blumenauer was elected to the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners and in 1986 was elected to the Portland City Council, where he served as the City's Commissioner of Public Works. For almost twenty years, he championed policies and programs that led to Portland's acclaim as one of the nation's most livable cities. Perhaps best known for his efforts to provide Portlanders with a range of transportation choices - from bicycles to light rail to trolleys - Mr. Blumenauer also launched curbside recycling programs, initiated common-sense measures to protect the Willamette River from combined sewer overflow, fought to confiscate cars of repeat drunk drivers, and led successful efforts to increase local funding for Portland's public schools.

First elected to the US House of Representatives in a special election in May 1996, Mr. Blumenauer has carved out a unique role as Congress' chief spokesperson for Livable Communities, places where families are safe, healthy, and economically secure. He understands that the federal government, as the nation's largest landowner and landlord, has an enormous impact on the livability of our communities and should lead by example. Its agencies - the US Postal Service, the General Services Administration, and the Department of Defense, for example - should exemplify the behavior it expects from private citizens, local governments, and corporations.

On the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, he has advocated vigorously for transportation policies, programs, and funding levels that support regional planning, encourage public participation, and enable communities to craft a range of transportation options. As a member of the International Relations Committee, Mr. Blumenauer has been a strong proponent of US leadership in the international arena, focusing on environmental concerns, global climate change, and the livability challenges faced by fast-growing urban regions in developing countries.

Mr. Blumenauer's work on Livable Communities issues has earned him the title "Johnny Appleseed of Livability". Since his election to Congress in 1996, he has visited more than 100 communities throughout the country, working with local governments, citizens and civic organizations build effective partnerships to manage growth, improve their environment, and provide transportation choices. Equally committed to partnerships with his colleagues on Capitol Hill, he was instrumental in forming the Task Force on Livable Communities, as well as several bi-partisan caucuses: the Bicycle Caucus, the Army Corps Reform Caucus, the Greenscissors Caucus, and the Public Broadcasting Caucus. He also works closely with other congressional organizations such as the House Sustainable Development Caucus.

## Congressman Peter DeFazio (D-4<sup>th</sup> District)

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Congressman Peter DeFazio was first elected to the U.S. Congress in 1986. He is dean of the Oregon House delegation, and represents southwest Oregon from Corvallis in the north, down to the California border—from the west coast to the Cascade Mountains.

The ten-term member sits on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, where he serves as ranking Democrat on the House Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines. He also serves on the Aviation and Railroad Subcommittees.

DeFazio also serves on the House Committee on Homeland Security, where he sits on the Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection and Cybersecurity.

Finally, DeFazio serves on the House Resources Committee, where he sits on the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health.

DeFazio and his wife, Myrnie Daut, live in Springfield, OR. He has logged over three million miles traveling between Oregon and Washington, DC, about three times each month, to serve the people of Oregon's Fourth Congressional District in the United States Congress.

One of DeFazio's proudest accomplishments is the more than \$260,000 in after-tax salary he has contributed to education scholarships and to reduce the national debt. Those contributions have funded 157 scholarships for displaced Oregon workers at the five southwestern Oregon community colleges, and the University of Oregon. Since he took office, DeFazio has refused to accept congressional pay raises while the government is deficit spending, and has linked his pay to Social Security cost-of-living adjustments.

## Congresswoman Darlene Hooley (D-5<sup>th</sup> District)

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Darlene Hooley was sworn in for an historic 6th term on January 4, 2007, as the U.S. Representative from Oregon's 5th Congressional District, which includes all of Marion, Polk, Tillamook and Lincoln Counties as well as significant parts of Clackamas, Benton, and Multnomah Counties.

She serves on the powerful Energy and Commerce Committee, as well as the Budget Committee and the Science and Technology Committee.

For the past ten years Hooley has established a reputation as a member who gets things done. She has fought hard for and won funding for all sorts of job creating projects and public investments in the 5th District, including over \$25 million in county timber payments for local schools and roads, federal funding for transportation, port and infrastructure needs, agricultural research funding at OSU and biomedical research funding at OHSU.

Hooley has become a National leader on behalf of our troops, both active duty and National Guard. She has fought to secure proper training and equipment for our soldiers serving around the globe. Hooley has traveled to Iraq, Ft. Hood and Ft. Lewis to assess the needs of our soldiers, and received national recognition from "60 Minutes" for her leadership in helping to secure armored Humvees and adequate body armor for soldiers serving in Iraq.

Hooley has also made taking care of our veterans a top priority. When the Vancouver and White City, VA health care facilities were threatened by funding cuts, Hooley successfully battled to keep them open. She has also been a leader in the fight to make veteran's healthcare funding mandatory, so that our veterans are not forced to fight for budget leftovers, but instead are guaranteed the health care they were promised and they have earned.

Hooley has been a national leader in the fight against methamphetamine, working with communities and health advocates to develop national standards for meth prevention and treatment. She wrote significant provisions of the Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act, the major anti-meth legislation of the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Since her election to Congress, Hooley has been an outspoken advocate for fiscal responsibility and for providing much needed tax relief to working families, farmers and small business owners. She has fought for increased federal funding for homeland security efforts, increased flexibility and smaller class sizes in Oregon schools, measures to level the playing field for farmers, fair Medicare reimbursement for Oregonians and fair pricing and coverage of prescription drugs for seniors.

Hooley is the leader in Congress on ID theft prevention efforts and a top advocate of increased medical and financial privacy. In the 108th Congress, Hooley passed her landmark consumer protection bill that provides all Americans the ability to see their credit reports from all three major credit bureaus annually at no cost.

Born on a family farm in Williston, North Dakota, Hooley moved to Salem, Oregon when she was eight. After graduating from high school in Salem, Hooley earned her B.S. in Education

from Oregon State University. She has lived, worked and raised a family in Oregon's 5th District.

A former reading, music, and physical education teacher, Hooley began advocating for safer playgrounds in the mid-1970s. After serving on the Park District Board, she was elected to the West Linn City Council where she served for four years. She went on to serve in the Oregon State Legislature and as a Clackamas County Commissioner.

During her four terms in the Legislature and more than two terms as a Clackamas County Commissioner, Hooley earned a reputation as a serious, consensus-building lawmaker more interested in formulating policy than engaging in the usual political and ideological bickering. The Congresswoman helped to reform the state's welfare system, authored the state's first recycling laws, rewrote Oregon's land-use laws, and wrote and passed equal pay laws.

As an incoming freshman U.S. House member, she was elected a President of her class in 1997. During her second term in Congress, she was selected as whip at Large and served in that role until 2003, when she was named Senior Whip.

Hooley lives in her home in West Linn, commuting to Washington, DC weekly for votes.

## Senator Gordon Smith (R)

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After being sworn in to the United States Senate on January 7, 1997, Gordon Smith has quickly earned a reputation as a statesman with an independent streak. Senate leaders have recognized Senator Smith's abilities and have continually asked him to serve in key leadership and committee positions. He has also become known for his ability to cross party lines in the interests of his constituents.

Smith serves on five major Senate committees: Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Energy and Natural Resources, Rules, Indian Affairs, and the powerful Finance Committee. He also serves as the Chairman of the Special Committee on Aging. In addition, he is a member of the Senate Western Water and Rural Health Caucuses as well as the Chairman of the High Tech Task Force. Smith is also co-chairman of the Senate Task Force on Medicare and Prescription Drugs and has been selected by leadership three times to be a Deputy Whip.

Since coming to the Senate, Smith has focused on issues crucial to the future health and prosperity of Oregonians. Smith believes that every child deserves a quality education and has been a consistent supporter of programs that increase funds for students. He has also made solving Oregon's dropout problem one of his primary goals and has introduced legislation to create a pilot program that will hire guidance counselors to work with students at risk of dropping out. Senator Smith is also committed to improving access to healthcare. To accomplish this Smith has sponsored a number of initiatives that will increase flexibility for state programs like the Oregon Health Plan. He has also introduced a bill that will alleviate the nursing shortage by authorizing \$40 million in grants for health care facilities to develop innovative nursing programs. Smith continues to push for federal funds that will help to meet the basic health care needs of the uninsured.

Senator Smith is also actively engaged in the many natural resource issues affecting the state and is recognized as an advocate for protecting Oregon's natural resources and the working families who depend on them for their livelihoods. Oregon has a long history of innovation in environmental policy that Smith continues to build upon. He has been working to strengthen and improve important policies such as the Oregon Forest Practices Act, the Beach Bill, the Oregon Plan for Salmon and the Oregon Resources Protections Act. He has also played a pivotal role in passing legislation that will protect Steens Mountain and Portland's Bull Run watershed for generations to come. Smith believes that Oregon's legacy of good stewardship and consensus-based decision making should be applied to many of the environmental issues under consideration by Congress.

Smith's foray into politics began in 1992, when he was elected to the Oregon State Senate. His colleagues recognized his leadership abilities by electing him Minority Leader, and then President of the State Senate during his first term in office. Upon his election to the United States Senate, Smith became the first U.S. Senator from eastern Oregon since 1938.

Born on May 25, 1952 in Pendleton, Oregon, Gordon Smith Graduated from Brigham Young University in 1976, and earned a law degree from Southwestern University in 1979. After working as an attorney in private practice, Smith assumed management of his family's frozen vegetable processing company, a position he held until his election to the U.S. Senate. Senator Smith and his wife Sharon have raised three children, Brittany, Garrett, and Morgan. They maintain homes in Pendleton and in Bethesda, Maryland.

## Senator Ron Wyden (D)

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In serving Oregon in the United States Senate, Ron Wyden pursues creative, bipartisan solutions to tough issues, offers unprecedented accessibility to his constituents, and stands up for Oregonians no matter the odds.

### **Creative, Bipartisan Solutions**

Ron Wyden constantly reaches across the aisle to build coalitions on important issues. He works closely with Oregon's junior Senator, Gordon Smith, on many issues and at the beginning of each Congress the two produce a bipartisan agenda for their state.

In the areas of health care, technology, natural resources and other areas, Ron Wyden has produced important results.

Since his days as co-director of the Oregon Gray Panthers, Ron Wyden has been a respected voice on health care. In 2003, he authored the bipartisan Health Care that Works for All Americans law, which is being implemented in 2005 and 2006 to do what's never been done before: walk the American people through the tough choices of health care and reform the system through public input and political accountability. He authored the first law to protect seniors from unscrupulous Medicare insurance scams and exposed the tobacco companies for hiding the addictiveness of nicotine. His bipartisan legislation reformed the community health center law to make vital health services available to thousands of poor families at no additional cost to taxpayers, and increased Medicare reimbursement to states like Oregon, which the federal government has shortchanged for keeping their health costs down. To help women fighting cancer, Wyden exposed and eliminated waste in the case of the Pacific yew, a so-called "trash tree" that became the original source of the breakthrough pharmaceutical Taxol.

Widely recognized as an expert on technology policy, the Senator passed bipartisan laws prohibiting discriminatory taxes on Internet commerce and promoting the use of digital signatures. The Senator was selected for the American Electronics Association Legislator Hall of Fame and was named 2000 Legislator of the Year by the Information Technology Council.

In the natural resources field, Ron Wyden wrote with Senator Larry Craig (R-Idaho) what has become known as the County Payments Bill, legislation that the Forest Service considers "the most influential law to come along in three decades." The statute provides stable funding for rural schools and roads historically dependent on funds derived from the harvest of timber on federal lands.

### **Standing Up for Oregon**

On behalf of Oregonians, Ron Wyden has taken on tough fights without regard for the power of the opponent. For example, standing alone, Senator Wyden has kept the leadership of the United States Senate from overturning Oregon's twice-passed ballot measure legalizing physician-assisted suicide.

He shares the passion of Oregonians for protecting our environmental treasures, and as a young Congressman his proposal blocked James Watt's plan to roll back Clean Air Act protections. In the Senate, Wyden protected Oregon's Bull Run Watershed, greatly expanded wilderness protection in the bipartisan Steens Mountain legislation, and led the fight to stop logging in Eagle Creek.

A longtime consumer advocate, Wyden is taking on oil companies that have pushed Oregon gas prices among the highest in our nation. He uncovered evidence of several anti-competitive oil industry practices, and the Federal Trade Commission relied on the Senator's inquiry to open its

own investigation. For his leadership, Wyden was awarded the Philip Hart Public Service Award in 1999 by the Consumer Federation of America.

### **Accessibility**

As a candidate for the U.S. Senate, Ron Wyden pledged to make accessibility to his constituents the top priority. After his election, he opened the first U.S. Senate offices in Oregon history outside the populous Willamette Valley. Every year, he holds open community meetings in each of Oregon's 36 counties. He frequently holds "sidewalk office hours" in shopping malls and other public venues for Oregonians who want to express their opinions one-to-one.

### **Personal History**

Ron Wyden holds the Senate seat once held by his mentor, the late Wayne Morse. In the Senate, he serves on the following Committees: Finance, Select Intelligence, Budget, the Special Committee on Aging and Energy and Natural Resources. In addition, Senator Wyden serves on the Forest and Public Land Management and Science, Technology and Space subcommittees.

Before his election to the Senate in 1996, he served 15 years in the U.S. House of Representatives. The Senator attended the University of California at Santa Barbara on a basketball scholarship before receiving his B.A. with distinction from Stanford University. He received a J.D. degree from the University of Oregon School of Law and taught gerontology at several Oregon universities. Senator Wyden's home is in Portland; he is married to Nancy Bass, whom he wed in September 2005. He has two children: Adam, 21, and Lilly, 16.