



DeFazio to Speak Before City Club of Portland April 1

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DeFazio will discuss his legislative priorities and challenges as Congress faces record deficits, growing federal debt and an increasingly partisan legislative environment. On his agenda are:

- The future of Social Security: DeFazio will address the financial challenges of Social Security, his plan to strengthen the popular program and what he sees as the "pitfalls of privatization."
- Rebuilding roads and bridges: As ranking member of the House Surface Transportation Subcommittee, DeFazio says he will have a unique opportunity to direct millions of federal dollars in road and bridge construction to Oregon "vital resources for a state struggling with a \$4 billion backlog of bridge repair and road construction."
- Affordable Northwest hydropower: As co-chair of the bipartisan Northwest Energy Caucus, DeFazio will discuss his efforts to "combat continued attempts" by President Bush "to gouge Oregonians and dismantle affordable, efficient hydropower in the Northwest."

This Friday Forum, which is open to the public, will be held in the third-floor ballroom of the Governor Hotel (614 S.W. 11th Ave.). Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Program begins at 12:15 p.m. and concludes at 1:15 p.m. Luncheon reservations must be made online at www.pdxcityclub.org or by calling 503-228-7231, ext. 103 or 102, by 2 p.m. Wed., March 30 (members only may call 503-241-9242). Luncheon tickets are \$18 (\$16 for members of City Club). Coffee/tea table tickets are \$5 at the door. General seating, available at the door, is \$5 (free for members of City Club).

A Note to Media

Media are encouraged to attend and are invited to sit in general seating. Please sign in at the registration table on the day of the forum. For broadcast media, an audio press patch will be available, and a riser for videotaping can be provided with advance notice. Contact Tim Krause at tim@pdxcityclub.org or 503-228-7231, ext. 102.

About Peter Defazio

Congressman Peter DeFazio was first elected to the U.S. Congress in 1986. He is a member of the House Select Committee on Homeland Security, with jurisdiction over the newly created Department of Homeland Security

DeFazio is also a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and serves as ranking member of the Aviation Subcommittee, where he is a vocal advocate for consumers and aviation security. He also serves as a member of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee and the Railroad Subcommittee.

He says he has logged over two 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.



DeFazio and his wife, Myrnie Daut, live in Springfield, OR with a Chesapeake Bay Retriever, a black Lab, two cats and a Dodge Dart.

For more information about DeFazio, visit www.defazio.house.gov.

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